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College of Arts & Sciences

As **global temperatures** rise, released carbon from dying rain forests may add fuel to **climate change**

forest dire

Terry McGlynn (above right), an ant biologist at the University of San Diego, and others who work in Costa Rica's rain forests are hoping to answer questions about the forests' role in global warming. *Juan José Pucci*

By Mike Lee
STAFF WRITER

In the middle of Terry McGlynn's lab at the University of San Diego sits a seemingly incongruous object for a biologist dedicated to teasing out secrets about how tropical rain forests work.

It's a brown metallic Singer sewing machine that looks to be decades old. Around it are neatly sewn bags about the size of McGlynn's hand and remnants of mesh materials from which the bags are made.

The sewing machine, it turns out, is one small piece of a major scientific undertaking to examine the relationship between tropical rain forests and global warming. McGlynn and several colleagues in the Ciclos Project in Costa Rica are trying to model how carbon and nutrients such as phosphorous flow through the ecosystem.

For years, Central and South American woodlands have been popularly regarded as carbon sponges that help combat greenhouse gas buildup by absorbing and storing atmospheric carbon.

But now, Ciclos scientists and others are exploring more sinister ways in which the forests may be involved in climate change — by releasing more and more carbon as environmental conditions shift.

Their emerging conclusion is that relatively minor weather variations — particularly increases in temperature — could turn the forests into major emitters of carbon dioxide.

The reason is that as the world continues to warm, as predicted by climate models, tropical rain forests are expected to shrivel, perhaps so

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OUT OF SINK

A planetary overflow of carbon dioxide

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Acid test

Since 1800, the oceans have absorbed 525 billion tons of carbon dioxide — about one-quarter of the amount produced by humans.

But at what cost, and can it continue?

TODAY

Forest dire

The concept is in textbooks and economic models: Central and South American woodlands are reservoirs that absorb and store carbon dioxide.

Is it time to rewrite the scenario?



Carbon is continuously being exchanged between land and atmosphere. In the ocean, it's stored as dissolved carbon dioxide; on land, plants take carbon dioxide from the air, turn it into new growth, then release it through respiration.

Humans are the source of some seven gigatons of carbon per year, mostly through the burning of fossil fuels, explained Jay Gulledge, senior research fellow at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change in Arlington, Va. The ocean, coupled with plants and the rest of the land-based ecosystem, soak up less than half that amount, and the remainder builds up in the atmosphere.

That's where the climate comes in. Rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide are effectively creating a blanket that traps the world's heat, increasing temperatures on Earth. The more carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere, the warmer the world is expected to become.

In the rain forests, in a worst-

case scenario, rising temperatures could spark more tree deaths, and that would release more carbon dioxide. Fewer trees can absorb less carbon dioxide, so more of it would be trapped in the atmosphere. Earth's blanket would grow thicker, and temperatures would continue to escalate. In this way, a spiraling "positive feedback" would begin with more forest die-offs, more carbon releases and more global warming.

This kind of feedback is being closely monitored in other areas. A study this month in the journal *Nature* reported that the amount of the greenhouse gas methane emitted from thawing Siberian permafrost was much larger than previously thought, increasing concerns that even more methane will be released as temperatures rise.

At this point, there's still relatively little data about carbon loss in tropical forests, and the possibility of a downward carbon-climate spiral is based mostly on computer models, explained Steve Oberbauer, Ciclos Project coordinator at Florida International University in Miami.

However, there is compelling research from David and Deborah Clark, veterans at the

La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica where McGlynn and other Ciclos scientists focus their studies.

The Clarks' work, including a few decades of tree measurements, have shown that trees grew less and died more during warmer years.

In 2003, the Clarks, with Stephen Piper and the late Charles Keeling from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, reported on tree growth in La Selva from 1984 to 2000. During the 1990s, the "warmest decade globally in the instrumental record," the forest suffered a major depression in tree growth, the researchers wrote in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The findings, they said, indicated the forest was remarkably sensitive to increasing temperatures. Warmer weather, they concluded, had the potential to produce the positive feedback effect that would lead to more carbon dioxide accumulating in the atmosphere. "Such a feedback in future years would accelerate global warming."

How the La Selva findings will apply in places like the Amazon, larger and with more variable climates than La Selva, is

uncertain.

"It's sort of like the blind man examining the elephant," said Gulledge. "You have your hands on one part of the system and don't really see the rest of the system."

Carbon flux towers, which measure carbon movement between land and air, are erected around the world to gather data in forests and other ecosystems. At La Selva, the tower has measured big differences from year to year in how the forest functioned. In 1998, the carbon was nearly in balance, meaning the forest acted neither as a major carbon sink nor source. The next year showed "moderate" ecosystem absorption of carbon, and more absorption in 2000, Oberbauer said.

However, Oberbauer is concerned that the towers don't capture much of the nighttime respiration and therefore understate the loss of carbon. His project is trying to measure the major components of carbon emissions and provide more detailed accounts of the carbon "budget."

Within a few years, Ciclos scientists hope to better quantify the amount of carbon the La Selva forest takes up or loses and link that to the climate over time. That's no easy task, since

carbon is exchanged at several levels, including the soil, the litter, the roots and the canopy.

The weather will have a lot to say about the project's conclusions.

Oberbauer is hoping for an El Niño year — which results in warm and dry weather in Costa Rica — to measure, in real time, how hot temperatures affect carbon and other compounds in the forest.

For instance, an El Niño year followed by heavy rains likely would wash dead plant material out of the forest, reducing the forest's nutrients and its capacity to rebound.

"We know that the trees aren't doing so well in an El Niño year," Oberbauer said. "We'd like to be able to put numbers on that."

Back in San Diego, McGlynn is trying to do just that by focusing on the litter layer above the soil at La Selva. He and his students sewed about 800 mesh bags for his summer trip to Costa Rica.

The bags were filled with plant litter and left at research plots around the forest. McGlynn's research assistant is collecting them, weighing and charting decomposition at different spots.

In general, said McGlynn, it

takes about six months for a leaf to break down in the wet ecosystem. Some carbon is mineralized in the ground; some is ingested by animals, including ants and mites; some decomposes into gas.

"The main result that we have so far . . . is that there are complex relationships, and the only way we are going to solve them is by looking at each component of the ecosystem and trying to understand how they fit together," he said.

Other scientists are asking similar questions.

Alan Townsend and Cory Cleveland, at the University of Colorado, are looking at the effects of phosphorus and nitrogen added to plots in Costa Rica's Golfo Dulce Forest Reserve. The additions increased emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by nearly 20 percent annually, they reported in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* in June.

The reason: The increased nutrients boosted activity among microorganisms that break down leaves and limbs that fall to the forest floor. "This was not something we really expected to see, at least not across the board and in the size that we did," Townsend said.

Through increased use of synthetic fertilizers, humans are dramatically changing the amount of both nitrogen and phosphorus in the world, he said, just as they are carbon.

"Soils may respond to those changes in a much more sensitive way than we might have guessed. That means that your potential for storing more carbon (in tropical forest soils) is not that good."

THE CICLOS PROJECT

Purpose: To study links between carbon, water and nutrient cycles in old-growth rain forests.

Place: La Selva Biological Station, Costa Rica. It covers nearly 4,000 acres in an area that gets more than 13 feet of rain a year.

Funding: National Science Foundation grant of \$1.6 million that runs from 2005 to 2009.

Started: 1996 as the Carbono Project to focus on the carbon cycle.

Principal Investigator: Steve Oberbauer, Florida International University.

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Border-fence bill on agenda

By Mary M. Shaffrey
MEDIA GENERAL NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – Since Congress returned from the August recess, the House of Representatives has passed a flurry of bills dealing with immigration reform.

The Senate is expected to decide this week how to proceed on at least one of these bills – a measure that would authorize the construction of a 700-mile long fence between the U.S. and Mexican borders.

None of the measures address the question of guest workers or offer a pathway to citizenship, as was included in the comprehensive package passed by the Senate in May and supported by President Bush. Nonetheless, Bush has indicated he would sign the fence bill if it makes it his desk.

"I would view this as an interim step," he said in an interview with CNN on Wednesday. "I don't view this as the final product. And I will keep urging people to have a comprehensive reform."

Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., says he also wants more comprehensive reform, though he does not support the idea of offering a way to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants already living and working in the U.S. He voted against the immigration reform bill in May.

"This (a fence) is a piece of the border-security debate, but I think it falls short at the end of the day of what we need," he said.

Burr had co-sponsored legislation earlier this year that would have allowed some illegal immigrants to get on a pathway to citizenship provided they left the country first. Since Congress is expected to leave for the election recess at the end of the week, that bill is dead for the year. The Senate bill that passed did not require most illegal immigrants to leave the country.

Advocates say that the fence bill is necessary to stop the flow of illegal immigrants from crossing the border.

Other bills passed by the House include requiring photo identification to vote, prohibiting the construction of tunnels along the border and replacing the so-called "catch-and-release" policy toward illegal immigrants with a "catch-and-return" policy.

These "bills will help secure our borders through a multi-faceted approach and, when combined, will make it increasingly difficult to cross the border illegally," said Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-5th, in a statement Thursday.

But others think that a fence will do little to stop border crossings.

"This is not a substitute for serious, comprehensive (reform) on immigration because it essentially treats a symptom, rather than a cause," said Jon Amastae, the director of the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at the University of Texas-El Paso.

The big problem, said Amastae and other analysts, is the fact that the American labor market offers countless opportunities while the Mexican economy is nowhere near as strong.

"You need to look at the source of the problem. (There) is an overwhelming supply of Mexican laborers on the Mexican side of the border because of the economic challenges Mexico," said David Shirk, the director of the Trans-Border Institute at the

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"Fences will definitely make it much more difficult and more dangerous to cross the border, but it will not likely reduce the number of undocumented immigrants," he said, noting that many immigrants enter the United States legally and then overstay their visas.

Both men advocated greater American investment in Mexico, which they said in the long run would cost far less than border security tunnels, fences, and other related components of the House-passed bills.

Polls indicate that immigration is not a top issue for most Americans, said academics and pollsters. However, among voters who see immigration as a top issue, House and Senate action on border security is likely to help Republicans, experts said.

Jon McHenry, a Republican pollster, said that the bill helps Republicans take a step toward showing that they are capable of moving on immigration reform before the election.

"I think there was more support for a more comprehensive approach, but they have to show that they have done something on immigration," he said.

The bills coming from the House likely please the Republican's base voters, said John Dinan, a professor of political science at Wake Forest University. That will help come Election Day because mid-term elections, more so than presidential elections, are won and lost on turnout, he said. "Those who would have stayed home on election day are the ones who wanted border security, so for the voters who care about this, they are ecstatic," Dinan said.

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Lots of talk, little action

Solutions elusive: Staunch views, unwavering principles at the line and across the nation have politicians at a stalemate about how to seal the border

By Brady McCombs

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Politicians stand united on a basic premise: The border must be secured to keep out terrorists and illegal entrants.

They stand miles apart on how to achieve that.

Forget the logistical nightmare agents face in trying to outsmart illegal entrants at the border. It could prove even more difficult to unite politicians who have taken hard-line stances behind their proposals.

Continued political wrangling could delay or prevent efforts to seal the border, a Star investigation found.

"It's a game of chicken with the Senate, and we are waiting to see who blinks," says U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., one of the most vocal supporters of enforcement-only measures.

Last week, the Senate announced it would consider a bill reintroduced by the House to build 700 miles of fencing. It's more likely an attempt by Republicans to show a unified party and gain points with voters in the November elections than a move toward compromise, says David Shirk, director of the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute, which studies border issues.

Whether they pass the bill or not, politicians remain divided on what to do about illegal immigrants in the country. Until they find common ground, experts say, wholesale immigration-law overhaul will remain elusive.

"Those are very wide chasms that perhaps cannot be bridged," says Deborah Meyers, senior analyst for the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington, D.C.

The House and Senate drew lines in the sand by passing divergent measures. In late 2005, the House passed an enforcement-only bill that calls for 700 miles of fencing — eight times what exists now.

The Senate passed a bill that includes border-enforcement provisions as well as a guest-worker program and a path to citizenship for those who qualify among the estimated 12 million people living illegally in the United States.

With illegal immigrants settling in across the nation, the issue hits home for people in the South, East and Midwest as well as in border states. That's made it a volatile issue.

"The border has moved to Main Street, and that's something that is fueling a lot of public debate and discussion," Shirk says. "It is a complex set of issues to try to tackle."

When — and if — lawmakers reach a consensus, they'll have to deal with reaction from Mexico, the country's second-largest trade partner.

This story is part of a series looking at border security, whether it can be done and what it will take. For more go to <http://www.azstarnet.com/secureborder> The series' best photos

Three photographers snapped thousands of photos over three weeks as they traveled the length of the U.S./Mexico border. We've whittled them down to the top 23.

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"It doesn't seem right. The migrants aren't ours; they are the entire country's. They shouldn't destroy what is ours."

Ramon Ruiz, general store owner, Las Chapas

"People who live far from the border tend to not have much of an understanding of how the border works, and they are easily led."

David Spener, sociologist at Trinity University in San Antonio

And as demonstrated in New Mexico, political cooperation doesn't always produce success.

Last resort to stop crossings

The small mountain that overlooks the Mexican village of Las Chepas offers ideal trails for sneaking into the United States.

Busloads of would-be illegal entrants come daily to the town on an 18-mile dirt road that follows the border from Puerto Palomas, the sister city of Columbus, N.M. They usually stay for a few hours in the dusty, quiet town or in its many abandoned buildings, says Jose Ortiz, 76, a longtime resident. Then they go to the mountains to cross into the United States.

Illegal entrants have always come through Las Chepas, but more so in recent years, Ortiz says. Six months ago, he and his wife counted 506 in one day.

A year ago, officials bulldozed 31 abandoned buildings to try to eliminate hide-outs for people preparing to cross. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Chihuahua Gov. Jose Reyes Baeza brokered the deal, making national news for the unusual cooperation of governments.

How well it's worked depends on whom you ask.

Apprehensions have fallen in the southern New Mexico corridor near Las Chepas from as many as 300 a day in October 2005 to about 50 a day last summer, says Doug Mosier, a U.S. Border Patrol spokesman for the El Paso Sector, which includes New Mexico.

He attributes the drop to more agents and technology in the area, the presence of the National Guard and a very wet season. The razing may or may not have played into it, he says.

But locals on both sides of the border say the same number of entrants are coming through the area. "It wasn't anything more than Bill Richardson's publicity stunt," says James Johnson, who owns a 3,000-acre onion farm across the border from Las Chepas.

Illegal entrants and smugglers still trespass on his farm. He's lost \$40,000 since Aug. 1 due to ruined crops, dehydrated and sick cattle, and lost water, which he blames on illegal entrants.

"I'm tired of him sitting up in Santa Fe talking about the border," Johnson says. "You've got to be on the border to understand the border."

The government bulldozed the abandoned buildings closest to the mountains, but there are still enough to make it look like a paintballer's dream. Would-be illegal entrants stay with people who let them in or in remaining abandoned houses, town Sheriff Reydecel Reyes says.

Las Chepas residents, including Ramon Ruiz, 43, who owns one of the three general stores in town, say authorities never asked them their opinions.

"It doesn't seem right. The migrants aren't ours; they are the entire country's," Ruiz says in Spanish. "They shouldn't destroy what is ours."

The National Guard presence slowed traffic in the short term but won't stop it, says Teodoro Martinez, a local politician who owned one of the razed buildings. "As long as the Mexican pueblo is hungry, they are going to look where they can get nourishment," he says.

Old issue gains new steam

The fever pitch that surrounds the illegal immigration debate today traces its roots to several key events in the '90s.

A new wave of illegal immigration began in 1992. By 1994, more than 500,000 were arriving yearly and settling in nontraditional states such as Colorado, North Carolina and Iowa.

In 1993, a shooting at CIA headquarters, a bombing at the World Trade Center and plots to blow up landmarks in New York and California were linked to separate terrorists. One entered with no papers, another with a false passport and the third with a valid visa.

The political reaction began in California, where voters in 1994 approved Proposition 187, which denied social services, health care and public education to illegal immigrants.

The public and political sentiment gained steam throughout the decade. After the 2001 terrorist attacks, the nation focused even more on border security.

The terror threat changed public perception of the border and the way the government patrolled it. U.S. Custom

Border Protection launched a national strategy in 2004 that made preventing the entry of terrorists its top priority. Terrorists could use the same routes as smugglers, the agency says.

"We cannot reduce or eliminate illegal entry by potential terrorists without also dramatically reducing illegal migration," the 2004 plan reads.

Nationwide since Oct. 1, the agency has arrested 416 illegal entrants from countries of "special interest" — 35 nations identified by the U.S. State Department as potential terrorist threats, says Todd Fraser, a Border Patrol spokesman.

Through the same date in fiscal year 2005, the agency had arrested 628. Officials don't break down the numbers for the southern border or say if any had terrorist links, Fraser says.

In the Tucson Sector, 15 illegal entrants from those countries have been arrested since Oct. 1, Border Patrol spokesman Sean King says. Agents apprehended 20 in fiscal year 2005, he says. Officials didn't find links to terrorism for any of the 35.

Beyond terrorists, the public worries about the money spent to educate, medicate and jail illegal entrants, Tancredo says.

"You have communities that have never seen an illegal immigrant before or seen, frankly, an immigrant before," he says. "Now they are seeing their schools inundated, their hospitals overrun and their prison systems housing far more people than should be the case."

There are no definitive studies on the economic gains and losses from illegal immigration, but Arizona schools and hospitals have estimated the impacts.

In 2003, hospitals in the state reported an estimated \$152 million in unpaid bills from illegal entrants. And in late 2005, Tom Horne, state superintendent of public instruction, asked Congress for \$750 million to cover the cost of educating children who are in Arizona illegally.

But the confluence of terrorism concerns with worries about the economic and social impact of illegal immigration has muddled the issues, says David Spener, a sociologist at Trinity University in San Antonio. And Meyers, the migration analyst, says stopping terrorism and illegal immigration require separate, distinct plans.

It's a complex problem, but politicians often give Americans the simple answer people like to hear, says Neville Cramer, an Immigration and Naturalization Service special agent for 26 years who wrote "Fixing the INSanity: America's Immigration Crisis."

"What the politicians want to do is sum it up in a 30-second sound bite," he says. "And there is no better sound bite than, 'We must secure our borders.'"

Politicians historically have used the issue to their advantage, says Shirk, the political scientist: "It's always been an issue that politicians have been able to manipulate to stoke the fires of nativist outrage."

A few politicians understand the complexity of the immigration issue, says outgoing U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz. But they cater to fears, he says.

"They are playing on the fears people have about terrorism, the fears people have about immigration, and the fears people have about their jobs being safe," he says.

Wall a "slap" to Mexico

The Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall and Israel's West Bank barrier had one thing in common: They separated confrontational neighbors.

If the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexican border were sealed with a combination of fences, cameras and agents, it would be the first of its kind between friendly neighbors and trade partners, Spener says.

"Where movement has been halted is where countries are hostile to one another and have little economic and social interaction," he says.

It would be a slap in the face of the nation's second-largest trading partner, says Kathleen Staudt, a professor of political science at the University of Texas-El Paso who has written books on the border.

"Do we want to humiliate the country by turning it into a type of East Berlin?" she asks.

Most politicians, excluding the president and those on foreign-relations committees, worry more about their constituents, Shirk says.

Tancredo fits that bill. "I couldn't care less what Mexico thinks about my immigration plan for America," he says.

While it appears Congress won't address any major immigration-overhaul bills before it adjourns for the Nov. 7 elections, the 700-mile-fence bill now has a chance of becoming law.

Even if passed, the plan could prove merely symbolic if the government doesn't find the money to pay for it. Congress hasn't devoted enough money to hire 2,000 new Border Patrol agents during the next five years as called for in an intelligence bill passed in 2004. The current bill wouldn't provide enough to cover the fencing, an estimated \$2 billion to \$5 billion.

About \$1 billion for fencing likely will be included in a Department of Homeland Security bill Congress is expected to approve before its scheduled adjournment next week.

"We're famous for sounding like we are going to do something and then not funding it," says Judy Gans, immigration policy program manager at the University of Arizona's Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy.

Someday, though, legislators will have to discuss changes that address not only the border but the estimated 10 million to 12 million illegal immigrants living here, Shirk says.

"When you have 10 million people living in your country without authorization, something has to happen," he says. "Something has to give."

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Voices from the 2,000 mile border

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The Star wanted to give a voice to the people who live along, work on and study the U.S.-Mexico border. Here is a collection of thoughts from the borderlands.

"I love the U.S. Border Patrol. They are great guys, really nice. They are doing a wonderful job and I feel safe now with them around." - **Carol Kimzey**, a ranch owner who lives across from the border fence in San Diego

"A fence is only dividing the Hispanic community. Our nation has been at its greatest when we have had a common vision and at its worst when we are divisive." - **Jesus Ruben Segura**, mayor of Sunland Park, N.M.

"However politically attractive it may be, it's not a feasible project. ... You would have to create a uniformly high probability of apprehension along the border. If you have anything less than that, then the traffic simply switches to the parts where the risk of apprehension is lower. ... In other words, you would need to create a real 'Fortress America.' " - **Wayne Cornelius**, head of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California at San Diego.

"The amount of money to build a fence in some remote areas, it would not be feasible to do it. There are places I wouldn't let my guys go. There are places where you drop 60 feet down and you probably wouldn't stop for 1,000 feet if you tumbled. To build even a primary fence in that kind of area you'd have to build a road, and you'd be creating the infrastructure you are trying to defeat." - **James Jacques**, U.S. Border Patrol spokesman, San Diego Sector

"We need to learn to live together and not be so competitive. That's what Jesus teaches - equality and economic justice. We need that for both countries. The wall is inhumane." - **Padre Cayatano Cabrera**, a Catholic priest who leads a migrant ministry in Agua Prieta, Son.

"They broke a window and they broke a fence and our dogs got out. Our dogs never came back." - **José Aristiga**, 9, a Douglas resident who lives one block from the border fence, talking about illegal entrants

"It doesn't make any sense to create one here. Mexico is not an enemy. Mexico is a friendly country for trade and commerce and visiting and everything else. So, why insult the neighbor by putting up a fence?" - **Juan Rivera**, spokesman for the Laredo (Texas) Police Department, talking about a border wall

"The border here, unlike some parts of the border, is almost more psychological than it is physical. We know it's there, but for generations there's been just kind of an ebb and flow across. When you have villages where they literally are a stone's throw from the border on both sides, it's a little more difficult to take the stance that you can't what you've once done." - **Mark Spier**, chief ranger, Big Bend National Park in Texas

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Tohono O'odham tribe member Ofelia Rivas talks about how the post-9/11 efforts to secure the border has cut members of the tribe off from their land through which the international border runs.

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"You know, (Arizona) Governor (Janet) Napolitano said: 'Show me a 40-foot fence and I'll show you a 41-foot ladder.' My response: 'Let's make 'em get a ladder and slow them down a little bit.' " - **James Johnson**, whose farm, WH Johnson & Sons, is near Columbus, N.M.

"If we can send a man to the moon, I am sure we could technically seal the border. It would be very difficult in the rugged terrain of eastern San Diego County, but I have no doubt American ingenuity could find a way. I think the point is, do we need to?" - **Michael White**, of the non-profit Conservation Biology Institute, a conservation education group with offices in Oregon and California

"The Border Patrol strategy focuses on this line, going all the way east to the Gulf of Mexico. Doing that ignores the problem. People say the problem is illegal immigration. We say the problem is employers hiring illegal aliens." - **Christopher Bauder**, president of the San Diego chapter of the Border Patrol National Council, the agency's union.

"Weekends are so much better in Mexico. A lot of people are walking in the streets, talking, having fun. Here on the American side, it's really quiet." - **Eli Guerrero**, 15, of Naco, Son., who spends summers in Naco, Ariz.

"Voters feel satisfied when they see government putting up physical infrastructure. You get more bang for your buck as a politician when you are able to point to visible symbols at the border like a wall or a garrison of National Guardsmen." - **David Shirk**, director of the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute, which studies border issues.

"The border unites communities, it doesn't divide them. It's important to understand local perspectives." - **Nestor Rodriguez**, a sociologist and co-director of the Center for Immigration Research at the University of Houston.

"All these fences are just a Band-aid solution to what is going on. But we don't make the big solutions - that's up to Congress." - **Kathy Billings**, Superintendent, Organ Pipe National Monument

"If they show up at my door, I give them some water and call the green and white taxi - the U.S. Border Patrol." - **Larry Nolte**, 58, a resident of Ocotillo, Calif., talking about illegal entrants

"Mexico is a peaceful nation. Its military poses no threat to the U.S. It is our largest trading partner. It has no terror cells. Unilateral police actions have backfired. The symbolism of a fence is all wrong. We need to manage the border in ways that are beneficial to migrant workers." - **Douglas S. Massey**, a professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton University

"When I work all day in the field, I make \$10 - it will be much more in the U.S. A fence or a wall is not going to stop us. We will go over it, under it ..." - **Antonio Ramirez Ayala**, 29, a fruit picker from Chihuahua who was planning to illegally cross into the United States in July

"Anybody who believes that you can do it doesn't understand the logistics of the border. We could secure most of the border. But if the reason is that we want to stop illegal immigration, never, because 40 percent that are in this country illegally didn't come across that border illegally." - **Neville Cramer**, a 26-year INS special agent who wrote "Fixing the INSanity: America's immigration crisis."

"People who live far from the border tend to not have much of an understanding of how the border works and they are easily led." - **David Spener**, sociologist at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, who studies U.S.-Mexican border relations.

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Not Getting Caught, Dying

A recently released congressional report finds border deaths rising dramatically -- and apprehensions falling -- as enforcement pushes immigrants east from San Diego to Tucson.

By DANIEL STRUMPF Voice Staff Writer

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006 | Hundreds of miles of mountainous terrain and sun scorched desert separate San Diego and Tucson, but evidence suggests that immigration enforcement efforts here are linked to the soaring numbers of deaths amongst illegal border crossers to the east.

Twice as many people are dying as did 10 years ago while attempting to cross from Mexico into the United States, according to a report released by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The report also found that the amount of women who have perished while crossing the border has jumped from 9 percent of all deaths seven years ago to 21 percent today.

The vast majority of border deaths occurred in the Arizona desert and, according to the report, were the result of prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures.

Local experts say that the grim findings are a result of enhanced enforcement strategies implemented in San Diego and elsewhere during the mid-1990s. Moreover, the study found that as border deaths continue to rise, the number of undocumented immigrants apprehended by the Border Patrol has decreased by nearly 25 percent in seven years.

Those who study immigration trends say further enforcement efforts won't slow the body count.

"Even though we have seen this apparent lull in apprehensions, we have seen this increase in death and it's a sign of to what extremes people are willing to go to enter this country," said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego.

Shirk, other experts and the GAO attribute the increase in deaths in part to programs like Operation Gatekeeper, which the federal government launched in 1994 to dramatically increase enforcement efforts along the San Diego sector of the border -- a 66-mile section that stretches east from the Pacific Ocean.

"The strategy assumed that as the urban areas were controlled, the migrant traffic would shift to more remote areas where the Border Patrol would be able to more easily detect and apprehend migrants entering illegally," according to the GAO report. "The strategy also assumed that natural barriers including rivers, such as the Rio Grande in Texas, the mountains east of San Diego, and the desert in Arizona would act as deterrents to illegal entry."

But Operation Gatekeeper and other programs like it failed to anticipate the sheer desperation of a sizable number of migrants who continued to gain entry despite the harsh terrain, the report states.

"Migrant rights activists very cynically say that people were knowingly sending them to their deaths," said Shirk

As for the spike in deaths amongst females, experts attribute the trend to the post-9/11 strengthening of border enforcement. Clandestine crossings have become more difficult, and many male migrant workers are attempting to smuggle their families north rather than planning to work alone and temporarily in the United States.

"They figure that rather than go home to visit their families they might as well bring them here once and for all," said Shirk.

As immigrants have dispersed in hopes of finding more vulnerable points of entry to the east, the Border Patrol has also redistributed its manpower and resources eastward in an effort to head them off, said Chris Bauder, president of the National Border Patrol Council, which represents 1,500 agents in the San Diego sector.

Bauder said statistics incorporated in the report illustrate that progression eastward toward increasingly rugged and deadly terrain.

While deaths in the San Diego sector have steadily plummeted since Operation Gatekeeper was implemented in 1997, the report shows a simultaneous increase of fatalities in the El Centro sector immediately to the east. The body count continued to mount there until 1999, when El Centro received more manpower. Then deaths in the Yuma, Ariz. sector to the east spiked, Bauder said. The pattern continued to Tucson, Ariz. with deaths skyrocketing in 2000 and -- despite a slight decline in 2001 after more resources were allocated -- the sector has reported the majority of deaths ever since.

"There's 10 years of data here to prove that the strategy that we have been using since 1995 is failing and will continue to fail," Bauder said.

While he said there's "definitely a correlation" between the increased enforcement efforts and rising number of deaths, Bauder stopped short of saying that there was a causal relationship.

"The reality is it isn't the government's fault," he said. "It's Mexico's fault because they haven't been able to take care of their citizens."

Bauder also sees the dead immigrants as bearing some responsibility for their fate.

"These people are making the choice to take the risk to walk through the desert without a bottle of water," he said. "That's just plain stupidity."

Lilia Velasquez, an immigration attorney and adjunct professor at California Western School of Law, bristles at that suggestion.

"You can't expect desperate people to think rationally," she said.

Velasquez' sentiment is supported by research performed by Wayne Cornelius, the director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California, San Diego, who conducted interviews with more than 1,300 recently returned migrants and their relatives in Mexico.

Cornelius found that eight out of 10 interviewees believe that it is much more dangerous to illegally cross the border today, and a substantial proportion of the migrants interviewed personally knew someone who had died trying to enter the United States clandestinely.

Cornelius also found that although more than two-thirds of interviewees had seen or heard public service announcements warning of the dangers of clandestine border crossings, fewer than one out of 10 said that such messages would affect their plans to migrate.

"It is difficult to overestimate the determination of the people who are willing to take such risks," Cornelius wrote in an e-mail message. "One of our recent interviewees, a 28-year-old Yucatec father, told us 'We don't care if we have to walk eight days, 15 days—it doesn't matter the danger we put ourselves in. If and when we cross alive, we will have a job to give our families the best.'"

What the experts all agree on is the need for realistic immigration reform that addresses the factors that compel immigrants to risk their lives sneaking into the United States.

Both Velasquez and Bauder say that the government can decrease the number of deaths by cracking down on the businesses that employ undocumented immigrants.

"If people come here to get jobs and we continue to grant them jobs then we are actually inviting them to risk their lives by crossing the border," said Velasquez.

Shirk puts more emphasis on giving immigrants a reason to stay in Mexico.

"What's really needed here is a much more comprehensive approach that addresses large scale Mexican migration at its roots," he said. "If it's not our responsibility, it's to our advantage to make Mexico a better economic partner so people aren't dying on our borders."

In the meantime, Congress continues its stalemate over two competing proposals for immigration reform.

Legislation passed by the Senate earlier this year focuses on establishing a guest worker program and a path to citizenship. The House plan would increase enforcement efforts and make illegal residency a felony.

Both proposals would require that employers use electronic systems to verify an applicant's employment eligibility and result in the addition of thousands of agents to the Border Patrol. They would also expand the current border fence by hundreds of miles, although they differ on the exact type and amount of fencing.

Congress isn't expected to make any progress on the legislation until after the November elections and many believe an agreement may not be hammered out until next year, if ever.

With that in mind, Velasquez said she expects that deaths along the border will only continue to increase.

"I think people are losing their patience and losing hope that the Congress is going to do something in the near future," she said. "When you see no hope on the horizon you take more chance with your life."

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At last, a victor in Mexico

After nine weeks, conservative Felipe Calderón has been declared president.

By Sara Miller Llana | Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

MEXICO CITY

After two months sifting through allegations of fraud and recounting ballots in a process that echoed the US election in 2000, Tuesday Mexico's top electoral court certified conservative Felipe Calderón as the nation's new president. The decision cannot be appealed.

While the postelectoral saga has come to a close, there is no storybook ending to Mexico's closest presidential race in history.

The challenges for Mr. Calderón, a bespectacled lawyer who has been called a bookworm, remain formidable. Some say his political savvy and a shift in the congressional balance of power might make it easier to push through the energy, labor, and fiscal reforms that eluded President Vicente Fox. But his skills at negotiation and patience, as he seeks to unify a deeply divided country, will be fully tested.

Unlike Al Gore in 2000, Mexico's runner-up Andrés Manuel López Obrador (aka AMLO) has refused to concede defeat. The populist leader - who has slept in a tent with his followers in the middle of Mexico City for more than a month - has vowed to set up a "parallel" government and says that Mexico needs a "revolution."

On Friday, legislators from Mr. Obrador's Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) took the podium where President Fox was supposed to deliver his final state-of-the-nation address. He had to retreat instead, giving his speech via television later in the evening - an event that, fraught with drama, has added to the polarization of the country.

"At the end of the day Mexicans are going to have to put postelectoral politics aside and move on and start focusing on issues that have to be addressed if Mexico is going to be successful in the 21st century," says Armand Peschard-Sverdrup, a Mexico scholar with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "Lopez Obrador is going to have an influence, no question, and Felipe Calderón is going to have to try and not get distracted and try to stay on course."

On the campaign trail, Calderón said he would focus on jobs, promising to remain a firm US ally and maintain the free trade policies championed by Fox.

Yet, in part because of the vocal opposition of Obrador, he will also have to focus on the fact that 50 percent of Mexicans are poor, and of them, many did not benefit from Fox's friendship with the US.

The election, in which Calderón garnered 233,831 more votes than Obrador (a margin of victory of just over 0.5 percent), revealed fractures in Mexican society: the industrial north, which has benefited from NAFTA, went largely to Calderón, while Mexico City and the poorer, rural south voted for Obrador.

Calderón says he wants to entice businesses to provide more young people jobs with tax exemptions, and

proposes a lower and flat rate income tax, with none for workers with low salaries. He wants to expand healthcare services and education, especially in poor and rural areas.

Such proposals could be easier to realize during this term, because of the gains the National Action Party (PAN), the party of both Calderón and Fox, made in Congress, but also because of the declines of the long-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which fought to block Fox's proposals during the past six years.

Calderón's success "will largely depend on whether he is willing to bring in people who are outside his party," says Luis Rubio of the Center of Research for Development in Mexico City, "individuals who understand and are experienced with these kinds of challenges."

The PAN won 206 places in the 500-seat Chamber of Deputies, up from 126 in 2000. The PRD won 126 seats. The PRI fell to third place with 104. Many experts say that alliances will form naturally between the PRI and the PAN.

"Both parties have pragmatic reasons to work together to counterbalance the unruly behavior of the PRD," says David Shirk, director of the Trans-border Institute at the University of San Diego. "It's actually a good thing, in terms of coalition-building, made possible by the PRI's weakness, the PAN's slight gains, and the fact that those two parties can identify a common adversary in the PRD."

Experts also expect Calderón, a former energy minister whose father was one of the founders of the PAN, to be a more savvy negotiator than his predecessor.

Yet while Fox rode into the presidency with a wave of expectation, as he ended 71 years of PRI rule, Calderón will take office Dec. 1 amid suspicion and anger from a large swath of the population who believes the election was fraudulent and unfair. And whether he has the ability to unite the country is questionable.

"Calderón is completely uncharismatic ... and has backing from a very clear sector in the economy and the nation," says Rodolfo O. De la Garza, a professor of political science at Columbia University. "It's not clear that if you need an inspirational leader he is going to provide that."

The radicalization of Obrador could work in his favor, though. He has angered thousands of Mexico City residents with his sit-in, which has snarled traffic and caused commuters to take alternative routes. A poll published in Reforma newspaper last month revealed that 30 percent of those surveyed would vote for Obrador today, while 54 percent would vote for Calderón. Some say support is waning even within his party.

"One of the major reasons López Obrador will not ultimately be able to shut down Mexico's political system is that a lot of PRD leaders and elected officials who are going into this legislative term are not going to want to make the ultimate sacrifice," says Mr. Shirk.

Calderón will face ongoing protests. On Sunday, Obrador told thousands of supporters: "We are going for deep change, root change, because that is what Mexico needs."

On Mexico's Independence Day, Sept. 16, the day Obrador has called for the national convention and the day the military usually marches down streets that are now blocked by protesters, confrontations are expected. "It would not be hard to imagine that he gets the demonstrators to stay in place. This produces a clash with military. That will have reverberations that we can't anticipate," says Mr. de la Garza.

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Academics, advocates bring the immigration debate to television

By David E. Graham
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With federal legislation on immigration reform seemingly stalled but the debate still simmering, academics, government officials and advocates went on television last night to discuss border enforcement and illegal workers.

From KPBS studios, UCSD professor Wayne Cornelius called increasing enforcement "a waste of money," adding that instead it promotes permanent settlement here of undocumented workers.

Before increased patrols and border walls, undocumented workers might stay a few months, then return home in a "circular migration," but now the expense and risks are too high, so many prefer to stay and even bring family here, said Cornelius, director of UCSD's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies.

David Shirk, a University of San Diego political scientist, noted that Europe has become an open economic community, where goods, capital and labor move freely between countries.

With Mexico, the United States has a flow of goods and capital but not labor, which creates a "uneven dynamic."

The Pew Hispanic Center in Washington, D.C., has estimated 100,000 to 150,000 undocumented workers are living in the county.

The scatter-shot session of wide-ranging questions to speakers and comments from audiences members was shown live, with participation from KPBS and KGTV news anchors. It included taped segments by those stations' reporters on aspects of the debate.

Through the 90-minute broadcast, some of the audience applauded sentiments that immigrants are flouting laws or are too costly to schools and hospitals, while other applauded mentions of the sacrifice immigrants make to be here and of their contributions.

Cornelius said the migrants are filling many dirty or dangerous jobs and the availability of legal visas to enter the United States is "out of sync" with the need.

State Sen. Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego, said that as people weigh reform, they should consider whether they are willing to give up the benefit that inexpensive labor provides.

Recently, local cities have sought to act on immigration. The Escondido City Council voted last month to draft a law penalizing landlords for housing illegal immigrants. At the other end of the spectrum, National City Mayor Nick Inzunza said last week that he wants his city to be a "sanctuary."

The Freida and Hobart Maze Family Trust purchased 1,279 square feet of industrial space at 10005 Marconi Drive, Suite 7, in San Diego for \$187,000. The seller was **OIC Lot 21 LLC**. **Regan Tully** was the seller's broker and **Rudy Mendoza** was the buyer's broker. Both are with **Grubb & Ellis|BRE Commercial**.

Othman Yousif purchased 22,215 square feet of retail space at 12087 Woodside Ave. in Lakeside for \$1.1 million. The seller was **Edna E. Kouns**. **James Langley** and **Joe Yetter** of **Grubb & Ellis|BRE Commercial** were the seller's brokers. **Bronte Johnson** of **OneSource Realty/GMAC** was the buyer's broker.

CityMark Development, the San Diego-based developer of Little Italy's **Apeture** and **Pier** urban mixed-use developments, has appointed **David Hickman** to the position of v.p. of client services. Hickman will serve as liaison between CityMark and home buyers, community representatives and building contractors.

TSA Contracting is has begun construction of a new office building at 5657 Copley Drive in Kearny Mesa. The two-story steel 18,000-square-foot project involves office space and a small warehouse/showroom. Completion of the \$2.7 million project is expected by the end of February 2007. The developer is **5657 Copley LLC** with **Dave Odmark** as the managing partner. **Gene Cipparone Architects Inc.** is providing architectural design. **HTK Structural Engineers** provided structural design. TSA representatives include **Randall LaRocco** as senior project manager, **Dave Cervantes** as the superintendent, **Gabe Beal** as assistant project manager and **Olga Muñoz** as senior project coordinator.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Experts from both the United States and Mexico will gather on the campus of the **USD** on Oct. 5 and 6 to explore a unique way to halt the flow of illegal immigrants into the United States. While America debates the merits of building a fence along its border with Mexico, the **Trans-Border Institute** will host a conference that suggests enhanced economic investment in Mexico would provide an alternative for its citizens who now seek a better life in the United States. The conference topic is "Trans-Border Migration and Development: Promoting Economic Opportunities in Mexico & the Border Region." Speakers from both sides of the border will participate, including **Jorge Castañeda**, former Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and **Robert Pastor**, director of the **Center for North American Studies** at **American University** in Washington, DC.

Sponsored by **Bank of America**, organizers hope to gather 200 business, government and civic leaders from the U.S. and Mexico, and possibly Canada, willing to promote new collaborations that will change the future course of discussions. Possible recommendations might include a multi-lateral investment fund supported by Mexico, the U.S. and Canada that can be used to promote investment and infrastructure development in Mexico and to address some of the inadvertent effects of NAFTA.

A full conference agenda is available at sandiego.edu/tbi/events/agenda.php.

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CITY COUNCIL: **Scott Peters**, 90 percent; **Kevin Faulconer**, 100 percent; **Toni Atkins**, 80 percent; **Tony Young**, 90

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Bienvenidos to the border

NATIONAL BORDERS are both real and artificial.

Along its border with Mexico, the U.S. has built walls, installed electronic sensors, stationed National Guard troops and financed a small army of Border Patrol agents who patrol *la línea* 24/7. These physical reinforcements give the border an imposing presence in the lives of everyone who lives near it.

But in San Diego, where conversations between friends move easily between Spanish and English, where the music drifting through the streets changes from the polka *norteño* beat to bass-thumping hip hop, where *taquerías* and burger joints compete for attention on every street corner, everyday life mocks the border. Commerce, culture and people spill over it in every direction.

At any time of the day or night, a line of cars and people waits to cross from Tijuana into the U.S.

Countless motivations send people from one side to the other. There are U.S. citizens of Mexican descent returning home to the U.S. after visiting family members on the other side, there are Americans whose work takes them across the border, there are Mexicans with one-day shopping visas, Americans in search of affordable dental work, and on and on.

Of the 500 million people officially admitted to the U.S. each year, 60 percent enter by crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. Every year, about 90 million cars and 4.3 million trucks cross. Every day, about \$683 million in trade is conducted along the U.S.-Mexico border.

At the San Diego-Tijuana crossing alone, some 14 million people enter the U.S. annually--an astonishing number considered alongside San Diego's population of 1.2 million.

Tomorrow, Justin, Nohelia and I will drive east along the border--through the towns of Tucson, Nogales, Sasabe and Douglas in Arizona; reach El Paso/Ciudad Juarez for two days; and then head back to San Diego and spend some time in Tijuana and among farm workers in north San Diego County.

Tonight, I'm going with Nohelia to the weekly immigrant rights coalition meeting in San Diego, but first I drop Nohelia off to do some door-to-door canvassing in City Heights, a predominantly Latino neighborhood on San Diego's north side.

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NOHELIA

Papers paranoia

AS WE pull up, Eric notices six cop cars in the space of a few blocks. Yes, I explain, they're everywhere in this neighborhood. They set up checkpoints to ask people for their papers.

Since May 1, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) has increased its presence in this multicultural community. The local office of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) reports that police are setting up checkpoints to interrogate drivers randomly.

Failure to present a driver's license is grounds for an immediate citation, but simply carrying a driver's license may not be sufficient to avoid the heat. The AFSC notes that citations from the SDPD are cross-referenced with the federal government's immigration enforcement database when a person's record shows repeated offenses due to citations from illegal crossings.

The events of 9/11 legitimized this form of racial profiling to include immigrants. But this is also a backlash against this spring's immigrant rights protests--aimed at intimidating, criminalizing and frightening immigrant communities into submission.

The debate over whether and how to crack down on undocumented workers is sharpening in cities and towns across Southern California. Historically, municipalities have allowed their police departments to cooperate with the INS (which, since it has come under the Department of



Homeland Security, is now known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE).

The constant fear that you may be confronted by police demanding proof of citizenship produces a sort of "papers paranoia" in the community. Either you have it or you don't, and if you do, you must carry it with you at all times.

It is hard enough to have to face interrogations at border crossings or when confronted by police, but with the passage of anti-immigrant local laws, more and more Latinos are confronted more and more frequently with the demand for proof of citizenship.

In Escondido, Calif., a new law will fine landlords a \$1,000 per day per occupant for renting apartments to undocumented immigrants--meaning that landlords not only can, but must, demand citizenship papers before renting to Latinos.

But there are also local communities moving in the opposite direction. The mayor of National City recently announced that he wants to declare this town in the southern part of metropolitan San Diego a "sanctuary city"--meaning that city funds will not be used to enforce federal immigration laws.

Sí Se Puede--San Diego's citywide immigrant rights coalition--is gathering signatures in support of the National City mayoral initiative with hopes of launching a similar campaign in San Diego.

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Home Depot despots

IT'S ONE of the countless clear cool evenings that descend on San Diego year-round, and Nohelia and I are walking into a small art gallery where Sí Se Puede meets.

Most of the meeting deals with the sanctuary city campaign and the details of an upcoming forum. But sandwiched between all the organizational decisions is an item that brought smiles to the faces of everyone in the room.

Joaquin explains that the San Diego police yesterday arrested one of several Minutemen who was harassing day laborers at the Home Depot at Fairmont-Mission Gorge--a welcome reversal for those who usually bear the brunt of police harassment.

The Minuteman began by harassing an activist, calling her "fat," then repeatedly shoved her and told her she should go to a "fat farm." The bigot also lashed out at other activists with epithets such as "beaner supporters."

The cops told the Minuteman to back off several times. Then an African American couple drove up, and the Minuteman began harassing them, apparently thinking that they were there to hire day laborers.

When an altercation broke out, the police finally stepped in to arrest the Minuteman--but incredibly (or perhaps not so incredibly), they also cited the African American guy.

The other Minutemen, not at all accustomed to police arresting a fellow bigot, were so stunned that they began shrieking about the arrogance of the "communist cops" arresting their compatriot.

The smiles at the meeting were more than just satisfaction at a Minuteman getting his comeuppance. There was palpable hope that maybe, just maybe, this arrest would alter the usual pattern of abuse--perhaps forcing some doubt into the heads of the Minutemen, sapping their confidence just a little bit, and therefore easing the lives of the day laborers by just that much.

In an e-mail, Gail Perez, a professor at the University of San Diego, described the typical scene outside the Home Depot: "If anyone would like to see what it was like in Mississippi or Greensboro, N.C., in 1960, they should volunteer as human rights observers at a Home Depot...[to monitor] the obscene display of racial hatred put on by the Minutemen...

"There you can experience a flag-carrying patriot scream obscenities in your face and watch these same 'heroes' deprive the most vulnerable of people--day laborers--from making enough money to eat.

"It really is just like the '60s. You can watch the Minutemen chat up the police and the armed guards from Home Depot, and watch as they do nothing to make these people refrain from chasing cars and potential employers all over this 'private property' parking lot. If you are a human rights observer, though, you will be relegated to a distant strip of sidewalk.

"While this circus seems to be a sideshow to the immigration policy debate, it should be remembered that this race-baiting and harassment is preventing many, many workers from getting work. As one man said, 'We don't work, we don't eat.' In addition, the Minutemen were screaming threats at ANY car that drove by and that they perceived to be driven by an 'illegal'--in other words, anyone who appeared to be Latino...

"Our communities should take a coordinated stand against the despicable behavior I witnessed. The level of cowardice of these people who attack the most vulnerable people in the city is truly horrible. Let us be silent no longer."

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Putting guys in pews

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By JOHN CHADWICK
STAFF WRITER

Is church too much of a girl thing?

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Traditional role



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▲ Deacon Bryant Adams joining members of the male choir during a football-themed service at New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

- **What's new:** An emerging Christian movement says church has become too "girlish."

- **What's next:** A growing number of churches are trying to attract men, holding paintball competitions, using sports props and upholding a vision of Jesus as a strong, masculine leader.

- **What they're saying:**

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Churches get creative to attract male members

By JOHN CHADWICK/The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)
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Governor Names Two New Judges in San Bernardino County

By a MetNews Staff Writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has named San Bernardino County deputy district attorneys J. David Mazurek and Harold T. Wilson to judgeships in the San Bernardino Superior Court.

Mazurek, 41, of Upland, has served as a deputy district attorney for the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office since 1996. He earned his law degree from the University of LaVerne, and a bachelor of science degree from California State University, San Francisco.

He was an associate with the Zumbrunn Law Corporation from 1993 to 1994, when he became a sole practitioner. Mazurek will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Peter [REDACTED].

Wilson, 45, of Redlands, has served as a deputy district attorney for the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office since 1989. He earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of San Diego.

He served the U.S. Department of Justice as a special agent in immigration and naturalization service from 1988 to 1989. Wilson will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Patrick Morris.

Wilson is a Democrat. Mazurek is a Republican.

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Cordial contest for 19th District

But first public debate nears

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As other U.S. House candidates rip and tear at each other, the three-way contest for the 19th U.S House District may seem relatively cordial.

All three candidates -- incumbent Republican Todd Platts, Green Party candidate Derf Maitland and Democrat Phil Avillo -- have so far focused on the issues at hand, they agree.

An important milestone in the campaign for the 19th U.S. House District, which includes York County, will come Sept. 18 when the three candidates have their first public debate at Penn State York's Pullo Family Performing Arts Center.

They have already debated during a private meeting of the Rotary Club of York in late August.

Differ on war: For the challengers, a top issue is the war in Iraq, which Platts has supported.

Both challengers say they want a withdrawal of U.S. troops, though they have different ideas of how to get there.

Maitland wants the U.S military, with the support of the federal government, to set benchmarks for troop withdrawal.

That benchmark could be, for example, when a certain amount of Iraqi troops have been trained and are ready to protect the country, Maitland said. Then a set number of American troops could leave the country, he said.

"My position is the current administration and our current representative (Platts) got us into this mess, why would we want to reward them by re-electing them?" Maitland said. "Clearly we have to work our way out of Iraq."

Avillo says the United States' involvement in the war has hurt its diplomatic credibility with other countries. The federal government, he said, must give military generals a clearly defined mission and let them complete it.

The Iraqi government needs to become self-sufficient as soon as possible so that American troops can come home, he said.

"Once that mission is complete, we will be able to fight the real war on terrorism," Avillo said.

Still supports war: But Platts said benchmarks have been set for troop withdrawal.

"Our military, state officials and civilians have lots of benchmarks based on getting the Iraqi army fully trained and able to stand on its own. We can't leave until that is done; we are not setting an arbitrary date (for withdrawal) ... when the Iraqi troops stand up, our troops will stand down," Platts said.

Platts also defended his support of the war in Iraq.

"We went to Iraq based on the intelligence we had at the time. We have since learned that some of that intelligence was dead wrong. But how we acted then was based on the intelligence we had," Platts said.

Platts said that despite the faulty intelligence, the war has "liberated 25 million Iraqis from a horrifying regime."

He added that the country has now become a "major battlefield in the war on terror" that the United States can't afford to walk away from.

"The advancement of democracy in Iraq is why terrorists are so intent on attacking there," Platts said.

Deficit spending: Both Avillo and Maitland agree that Congress and the Bush administration need to do a better job of handling the United States' finances.

"We need to return to the pay-as-you-go system," Avillo said.

His comments were echoed by Maitland, who owns a coffee and bookshop in Hanover.

"Every week I'm in business I've had to balance the books, and I think our government should too," Maitland said.

Platts said he doesn't support deficit spending, but said the recession, the war, Hurricane Katrina and the Sept. 11 attacks are the main reasons for the deficit.

"Am I pleased with any kind of deficit spending? No, but if there are times when you may have to do it -- recession, natural disaster, times of emergency -- we have had all three in the last five years," Platts said.

Still, Platts said he believes wasteful government spending can always be reduced, and he supports earmark reform and other measures to reduce pork barrel spending.

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About the candidates

--- Democrat Phil Avillo, 64, is a Marine veteran and has been a history professor at York College since 1975. A married father of three grown children, Avillo has a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Hofstra University, a master's degree in history from the University of San Diego and a doctorate in history from the University of Arizona. Avillo and his wife, Linda, have been married for 37 years and live in Springettsbury Township.

--- Green Party candidate Derf W. Maitland, 42, the owner of a coffee and book shop in Hanover, married Mary Ann Maitland 15 years ago; they and their four young children live in Littlestown, Adams County. Maitland holds a bachelor's degree in English from Villanova University and a master's degree in English from Temple University.

--- Republican incumbent Todd Platts, 44, is finishing his third term as representative for the 19th U.S. House District. Before that, Platts served in the state House of Representatives for eight years. Platts has been married for 16 years to his wife, Leslie Platts, and has two children, ages 7 and 10. Platts holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University and a law degree from the

Pepperdine University School of Law in 1991. Platts is a York native and York Suburban High School graduate.

Debates

The 19th U.S. House District includes York, Cumberland and Adams counties.

The three candidates hoping to represent the district plan to debate three times, including once in York

The debates are scheduled for:

--- 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Penn State York's Pullo Performing Arts Center.

--- 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at Dickinson College.

--- 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in Adams County, location has not yet been determined.

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Oakland hires new director to oversee \$1 billion budget

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Inside Bay Area

OAKLAND — City officials have tapped the budget director of Riverside to oversee Oakland's \$1 billion spending plan.

James E. Smith, who spent six years in Riverside, will start Monday, replacing William Zenoni, who served as the city's interim budget director.

City Administrator Deborah Edgerly said she was confident Smith would help the city compile a budget that will meet the needs of the mayor, the council and the community.

"Jim Smith's background and experience will be a valuable asset as we begin the task of preparing the city's next biennial budget," Edgerly said. "I have great confidence that Jim will fit right in with the Oakland team."

Work on the city's next two-year budget has already begun, and officials will have to cope with a \$6 million deficit in a fund used to pay for park and open space maintenance.

Smith will be paid \$154,000, officials said.

Smith received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of San Diego and a master's in public administration from Bernard Baruch, City University of New York.

Smith has also served as the budget officer in the Youth Services Administration, budget analyst for Arlington County, Virginia, and budget manager for the National-Capital Park and Planning Commission in Maryland.

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The University of San Diego Orchestra and Music Department will present "North County Showcase" at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22 at **San Rafael Church**, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive. Members of local choirs will join the orchestra as they perform parts of Handel's Messiah using W.A. Mozart's instrumentation. If you would like to sing in this concert, contact Therese Bulat director of the congregation's music ministry at 858-487-4314 ext. 225 or e-mail choir@sanrafaelparish.

org. Rehearsals will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 in the church music room.

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Emmanuel Faith Church will host the eight-session video seminar "Overcoming Depression" by Neil Anderson from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 13 to Nov. 1 in the College Room, 639 E. Felicita Ave. Using Anderson's book and video, plus interactive discussion, participants will learn ways to overcome depression. Cost is \$20 per person. For details, call 760-745-2541, or e-mail to www.efcc.org.

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The Church at Rancho Bernardo will host Divorce Care for Kids from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 17 through Dec. 17 at the church, 11740 Bernardo Plaza Court. This group is designed to offer a supportive church family and a reminder of God's love to children (ages 5-12) who are dealing with the effects of divorce. Workbooks are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the first group meeting. To register, call 858-451-2325 or send an e-mail to lindablack50@hotmail.com.

Items of interest should be e-mailed to eminton@nethere.com, faxed to (858) 618-1591 or mailed to Elaine Minton, c/o Pomerado Newspapers, P.B. Box 685, Poway CA 92074.

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Free concert held

RANCHO BERNARDO — San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, hosts the second annual USD "North County Music Showcase," a free concert of Mozart and Handel, at 4 p.m. Oct. 22. Call (858) 487-4314.

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"Trans-Border Migration and Development: Promoting Economic Opportunities in Mexico and the Border Region" is subject for conference on October 5 at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Experts from U.S. and Mexico plan policy discussions with variety of presentations. Free. Hours: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday. Registration: 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006 CONFERENCE
TRANS-BORDER MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT: PROMOTING ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES IN MEXICO AND THE BORDER REGION

The USD Trans-Border Institute will host this major conference with the purpose of analyzing "push" factors associated with large-scale outbound migration from Mexico and its implications. The conference will feature keynote presentations from Jorge Castañeda, former Mexican Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Dr. Robert A. Pastor, Director of the Center for North American Studies at American University.
Organization: USD - Trans-Border Institute **Information:** Lorie Lopez (619) 260-4148
www.sandiego.edu/tbi/ **Cost:** No Cost **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

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■ **La Universidad de San Diego (USD) y su Departamento de Migración Transfronteriza (Trans-Border Migration and Development)** presenta su conferencia sobre las oportunidades económicas en México y la región fronteriza (Promoting Economic Opportunities in Mexico and the Border Region) el 5 y 6 de octubre en el auditorio Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, ubicado en la universidad. Para mayores informes y para registrarse visite en Internet: <http://www.sandiego.edu/tbi/> o llame al (619) 260-4090.

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Lecture: San Diego English professor Fred Robinson will speak "On Teaching" at 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, room C&D. Free. Information: (619) 260-4783; peace.sandiego.edu.

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Poway orchestra to begin rehearsals, has new conductor

The Poway Community Symphony Orchestra, above, will begin its 2006-07 season with rehearsals from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays starting Sept. 11 in Room 501 at Bernardo Heights Middle School, 12990 Paseo Lucido, Rancho Bernardo.

The newly appointed conductor for the orchestra is Branden Muresan, at right, a professional violinist with vast experience conducting and developing community orchestras. Muresan teaches at Grossmont College and the University of San Diego. He also served as the mer-
endowed teacher chairm



Branden Muresan

for the orchestra at Grossmont College.

The Poway Community Symphony Orchestra will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts. The performance will include works by Mozart in honor of the composer's 250th year.

The orchestra is offered through Poway Unified School District Adult Education and is open to instrumentalists ages 18 and older. No audition is required.

For information, call orchestra manager Ulli Reiner at (858) 748-5131, Ext. 2613, or go to the Web site at www.powaysymphony.org.

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ORCHESTRA This community orchestra
ages 18 and up, led this year by USD and
Grossmont College professor Branden
Muresan, has openings for new musicians
for its 2006-07 season; no audition
necessary; rehearsals are held from 7 to
9 p.m. Mondays, beginning Monday, at
Bernardo Heights Middle School, Room
501, 129909 Paseo Lucido, Rancho
Bernardo; (858) 748-5131, Ext. 2613.

School of Business Administration

Group Projects Bring MBA Students Together

The power of the team is brought to life at San Diego's top colleges and universities

By LIZ SWAIN



Chris Graham is director of Aztec Business Alliance, a College of Business Administration organization at SDSU that matches teams of three to four students with companies. (photo/lambertphoto.com)

On the first day of Barbara Withers' fall project management class, the **USD** professor walks in wearing a hard hat. The headgear and blueprints she carries represent the group project that MBA students will undertake. Their coursework culminates in "Thanksgiving House," the renovation of a Linda Vista home. Students spend the semester planning the refurbishment that will be done during two weekends.

A project manager is selected, someone who will organize the schedule and monitor it with the goal of bringing the project in on time. Students form teams for tasks like plumbing. The scope of the project determines the group size. One person may comprise the electrical team and serve in another group with two or three other students.

Withers hears questions like "If the paint job isn't good, will that affect my grade?" She replies that class time is dedicated to obtaining the tools and techniques to accomplish the tasks. In one course, a team spent class time attending a Home Depot tiling class. Students

seek materials and may ask family members to volunteer. After all, if two students paint from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the work is finished earlier with more painters.

The renovation brings a shift in class format. Withers recorded lectures as PowerPoint presentations. During class, she serves as a consultant to individuals and teams. Withers says Thanksgiving House is an example of experiential learning. "Students learn more by doing." The project "makes the course content very relevant to them. They learn how to plan and do this good deed."

Some business schools require a group project for the capstone, the final course where students demonstrate their knowledge of what they learned in graduate school. At **CSU San Marcos**, the capstone is a group effort, says Keith Butler, MBA director of college operations. "We feel so strongly the need for students to excel in groups, we made our capstone a high-stakes group project."

A three-member group could include someone who works at a company or owns a busi-

ness. That person may propose a work-related idea for the project. Butler says the arrangement provides good access to data. It could lead to rewards outside the classroom.

Ideas Become Reality

A Hunter Industries engineer had an idea for a product for his employer, a San Marcos irrigation equipment manufacturer. He handled engineering for the project. Another team member worked on the financial aspects, and the third person did marketing. Butler says that Hunter decided to go with the product. The engineer was promoted, and the marketing person was hired a year later.

At **Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University**, groups of two to three students do "top-to-bottom" projects for the capstone, says Warren Henderson, Electronics and Computer Technology program director. Students "come up with a concept" they want to market and create a business plan for a product like a U-turn signal for vehicles. The group spends the semester on the project. The final phase of the project is an approximately one-hour presentation similar to the session where entrepreneurs pitch their businesses to venture capitalists. Students address a panel consisting of the instructor, center dean and one or two others.

SDSU MBA students fulfill a course requirement by serving on consulting teams for clients including Qualcomm, SAIC, the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Symphony. Repeat clients include General Atomics, which ordered 33 consultations, says Chris Graham. He's director of the Aztec Business Alliance, the College of Business Administration organization that matches teams of three to four students with companies. The consultation done during the last semester is a "culminating experience" for students working on projects like business plans, feasibility studies and market research. "The biggest challenge is the timing of meetings," says Graham. The experience brings lessons in how to be a cohesive team. Students may also learn a new industry, says Graham. As an SDSU student, his MBA team worked with an Israeli wireless technology company.

At **UCSD**, students take on a major project during the "Lab to Market" sequence that spans several quarters, says JoAnne Starr, Rady School of Management assistant dean. The project is required for professionals in the part-time Flex MBA program and full-time students. They may do work-based projects for employers or develop products that teams decide to market.

"It's a great way to work on something internal. It shows the employer added value: 'Here's what I learned; here's what



Barbara Greenstein, owner of Human Resource Prescriptions LLC, teaches a 'Team Building' course at Chapman College. (photo/lambertphoto.com)

it," says Starr. She adds that the school brings in experts from the business community to provide advice.

Before the capstone, students may examine issues like their organization's supply chain in classes. When major projects are assigned, instructors allocate class time for the project. FlexMBA students may also work on the projects during the weekends they're on campus.

Alliant International University's business school is now the Marshall Goldsmith School of Management. The name reflects Alliant's emphasis on "bringing in human interaction to all business courses," says Ali Abu-Rahma, associate dean of the school's Division of Business and Management. Goldsmith, a

renowned executive coach who teaches at the school, symbolizes the university's focus on achieving success by knowing how to work well with people.

In Alfred Lewis' classes, Alliant students typically conduct a strategic diagnosis of businesses and nonprofit organizations in the San Diego area and international locations. The professor serves in a coaching capacity and may "act as referee on the rare occasion involving team/group conflict. An essential part of the process is for individuals to work with other students, akin to the real world," says Lewis.

Group activities are key to Barbara Greenstein's "Team Building" course in **Chapman University's** Organizational Leadership program. Students

complete a team project for their final. Working in a group of four to six people, they plan a team-building simulation for the rest of the class. "In class, we go through many aspects of being on an effective team and different ways to build synergy," says Greenstein, owner of Human Resource Prescriptions LLC, a performance consulting business.

She encourages team members to create standards for working together, assign roles to each member and to come up with a project mission to guide the team.

"Any team has its challenges. However, when some planning takes place at the team's inception, and team members are held accountable for their work, it usually makes the team experience a great one," says Greenstein. She adds that students often present their simulations to their teams at work.

Group projects are required in some courses in **Point Loma Nazarene University's** Fermanian School of Business. In adjunct professor Mike Oslovsky's technology course, teams of two to four students create business plans to improve or replace existing technology. The project usually applies to the firm where the student is employed. It could focus on an area like supply chain management.

The greatest challenges for projects "are the coordination of getting team members together and agreeing on what portion of the project each will complete," says Oslovsky, director of Software Quality Assurance for Intellidot. "However, those issues are part of the learning experience for the project that includes a presentation and written submission. Coordination, delegation, setting priorities and synergies are the basic skills an MBA must master. Being able to make recommendations in a clear and brief format is paramount to assisting senior management in making sound business decisions."

Randy Ataide, PLN entrepreneurship and management professor, requires group projects in his "Contemporary Management in a Competitive World" course.

Teams of three to four students give an approximately 45-minute presentation on a Harvard Business School case study or journal article. Their talk features a PowerPoint presentation about the case.

"What I like best is that you see emerging from the presentations the strengths of each individual such as in preparing the presentation, preparing graphs or technical analysis, oral presentation and (answering) impromptu questions."

In **National University's** MBA Project class, students work individually or in groups. Team size depends on the size and nature of the project. "By working in small groups, each group member may have expertise in a different major functional area such as marketing or accounting/finance," says professor Don Schwartz, School of Business and Management interim dean.

Some students do employer-defined projects; others write research papers. Most develop business plans, with some created for employers. Many plans are for potential businesses.

University of Redlands MBA students work in teams on case studies and the capstone project, says Jerry Platt, dean of the School of Business. Recently, a team did work for the city of Yucaipa; a pilot MBA program partners the university with a Redlands-area flight training school. The program is aimed at the university's recent Arts and Sciences undergraduates. They many not have relevant work experience and will have "significant consulting roles with business collaborators," says Platt.

The curriculum is a project that could include a spring field trip to Japan. Platt says the university plans to develop similar relationships with other businesses in the area.

At University of Phoenix, learning teams are part of every course in the version of the MBA program that started a year ago. Teams of three to seven people come from professions including government and the profit and



MBA students at USD help renovate a home. (photo/lambertphoto.com)



Don Schwartz, interim dean of National University's School of Business and Management, says students in the MBA Project class work individually or in small groups. (photo/lambertphoto.com)

nonprofit sectors. "The intent is to replicate the real world" where people work in teams, says Michael Reilly, San Diego chair of the College of Business.

Each course includes two problem-based scenarios that are tackled by teams. Members work

in areas like research, analysis and writing. They give a team presentation on their solution. Teams may stay together in other courses. The groups are self-managed and have the option to "remove people who don't pull their weight," says Reilly. A habit of

sionals fit it into their schedules? "Easy, they have no home life," quips Oslover. Reilly saw that from the spouse's perspective. This year, his wife, Teddi, completed the new Phoenix MBA, a program that he was instrumental in developing. "It quite dramatically altered our lives," he says.

Technology helps with time management. Platt says that Blackboard and chat rooms helps Redlands students connect. Starr says that UCSD business teams have collaborative space on a server. Students work on documents online, and the business school has a conference phone for talking to a team member who is

traveling or lives out of the area.

Group challenges include differing work styles. Some people start immediately on a project and others thrive on deadlines, says Butler.

Group projects bring education that extends beyond coursework. The give-and-take of group projects helps dispel the myth that "individualism is the true mark of an effective leader," says Ataide. "The emphasis in the presentation is on team skills. They all receive the same grade, meaning they are as good as their weakest link."

Schwartz says that "Group projects require the development of an action plan and timeline, delegation of responsibilities to accomplish objectives in accordance with the timeline, teamwork on the part of all of the members of the group and the ability of the group leader to motivate and settle disputes — many such lessons that students will put to practical use later on."

nonparticipation could lead to rejection by other teams. "That happens in the real world, too."

This month, USC launches its local executive MBA (EMBA) program at La Costa Resort and Spa. The approximately 45 people enrolled include entrepreneurs, the military and people working in professions including biotech, technology and financial services, says Cherie Scricca, EMBA associate dean for the Marshall School of Business. "It's a good mix," she says, adding that it's not known whether coursework for the local program will feature the two group projects required in Los Angeles.

When a group project is required, how do business profes-

The group experience is cited by Alliant students as an important lesson, says Lewis. "The group project brings an international and cross-cultural experience."

Diversity can extend to professions. Starr says that the most diverse team may be the most difficult to get going. However, diversity "makes great results." In the first FlexMBA class, a project involved wireless technology and healthcare information.

Greenstein of Chapman also advocates diversity. "I always suggest that students embrace the differences. (Doing so) allows everyone to play to their strength area and provide an outstanding performance for their organizations."

Group projects, whether for a presentation or a renovation, are an education in interpersonal relationships. Withers says, "Obviously, they have to learn to work together very quickly. It's like a workplace — you can't run to the teacher." ❖

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Tech Upgrades Push MBA Programs Into Internet Age

Schools Find Ways to Keep Curriculum on The Leading Edge

BY DAVE THOMAS

With any successful program, change is inevitable, required to stay on top of technology as well as the competition.

The MBA programs at the University of San Diego, San Diego State University and National University are no different. They are always looking for ways to take their studies to the next level.

USD's David Bergheim said the biggest change recently has been the launch of the new full-time MBA program.

We undertook a benchmarking program, looking at the course and program offerings of the top business schools in the world, and then made changes to ensure that our curriculum, Bergheim said. "We introduced practical enrichment and socially responsible leadership development components to the curriculum to ensure that the coursework is relevant to the needs of business and society."

San Diego State University also has been quick to stay on pace, adding several new programs. These include MBA programs with specialties in sports business, biology and law. There are also concurrent degree programs — a MBA/Ph.D. in Biology, and an MBA/Juris Doctorate degree offered with California Western School of Law.

MBA students at SDSU also have access to curricular enhancements in International Entrepreneurship, International Human Resource Management, International Real Estate Development and Integrative



Photo courtesy of San Diego State University

Executive MBA students and alumni enhanced their classroom experience in San Diego State University's 'Business in the Global Environment' course as they traveled to Beijing and Bangkok, Thailand.

Marketing Communication.

Continuous Improvements

At National University, business school dean Don Schwartz reported that, in terms of curriculum, the subject matter taught in the MBA program remains traditional, but always updated and improved.

"As examples, electronic business was added to the curriculum a few years ago, and more recently a course in business knowledge management was added," Schwartz said. "As to rigor, faculty (members) are evaluated in part on their ability to meet GPA targets. Instead of being criticized for grades that are too low (which

is the case with some of our competitors), our MBA instructors are contacted when grades are higher than the expectations set by the university."

Showing that the world we live in isn't as large as some may think, Schwartz said that National University has made technology improvements a key component of its MBA program.

In 1998, National University became one of the first universities to offer a program completely on line.

"Many of our MBA students are on active duty in the military, and completing their degree programs while deployed

in Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions," Schwartz said. "National has become one of the first to offer live instruction and live interaction via the Internet, using voice communication accompanied by visuals such as a whiteboard, PowerPoint slides, spreadsheets and the like."

Tech Changes Learning Process

USD has also stayed current with technology, noting that the accessibility of digital information is changing the way that students gather information.

The school "already has blended learning course content available for students, and in the future, the amount of course material and faculty research we offer online will increase," Bergheim said.

SDSU is also branching out, with plans to continue developing specialized degree programs, as well as expanding its overseas programs.

And despite the ongoing war in Iraq, the opportunities to learn from one corner of the globe to another have not been extinguished.

National University's Schwartz noted that he has been teaching a course, which has a student in Baghdad who participates in live-voice, visual-chat sessions.

"When it is evening in California, he is attending early in the morning the next day," Schwartz said.

"The technology enables students to work collaboratively in teams during the live class session, or have live group meetings among themselves 'outside of class.' These live class sessions are recorded, so that students can review at any time any portion they may have missed."

Dave Thomas is a San Diego-based freelance writer.

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MBA SCHOOLS

Ranked by San Diego County fall 2005 total enrollment of MBA students

Rank (last year)	School Address Web site	Telephone Fax Toll-free number	Total fall enrollment: • 2005 • 2004 • % change (loss)	Number of spring 2006 students: • Full-time • Part-time	Number of faculty as of 12/31/2005: • Full-time • Part-time • Total	2005-2006 tuition: • Resident • Nonresident	• Type of institution • Accredited by	Major disciplines of study ⁽¹⁾	• MBA school director • Director of admissions	Year established locally
1 (1)	National University 11255 N. Torrey Pines Road, #202, La Jolla 92037 www.nu.edu	(858) 628-8648 (858) 642-8726	1,234 1,108 11	436 798	25 70 95	\$16,632 \$16,632	Private nonprofit four-year WASC, IACBE	Management, marketing, accounting, finance	Muhannad El-Melfeh Megan Magee	1971
2 (2)	University of Phoenix 3890 Murphy Canyon Road, #100, San Diego 92108 www.phoenix.edu	(858) 576-1287 (858) 576-0032	801 1,023 (22)	801 0	12 125 137	\$12,931 \$12,931	Private four-year NCA	Business education, technology, health services	Michael Reilly na	1989
3 (3)	San Diego State University 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego 92182 www.sdsu.edu/mba	(619) 594-8073 (619) 594-1863	640 623 3	333 307	86 28 114	\$3,704 \$11,840	Public four-year AACSB	Finance, entrepreneurship, accountancy	Ken Marino Shira Scott	1963
4 (4)	University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego 92110 www.sandiego.edu/business	(619) 260-4524 (619) 260-4158	224 258 (13)	83 113	30 5 35	\$23,760 \$23,760	Private four-year nonprofit AACSB	International business, supply chain management	na Stephen Pultz	1972
5 (10)	Rady School of Management, UC San Diego 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0093, La Jolla 92093 www.rady.ucsd.edu	(858) 822-4205 (858) 534-0744	170 62 174	57 113	8 6 14	\$23,000 \$35,000	Public four-year WASC	Technology, life sciences, entrepreneurship	Robert Sullivan Margie Frazee	2004
6 (7)	Cal State San Marcos 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos 92096 www.csusm.edu/mba	(760) 750-4267 (760) 750-4263	128 112 14	96 32	na na na	\$4,555 \$12,691	Public four-year WASC	General management	Beverlee Anderson Keith Butler	1995
7 (6)	Webster University 6480 Weathers Place, #104, San Diego 92121 www.webster.edu/ca	(858) 458-9310 (858) 458-0914	125 140 (11)	60 65	0 40 40	\$6,450 \$6,450	Private four-year nonprofit NCA	Management, finance, human resources, leadership, security	Kim Varey Lisa Garcia	1980
8 (9)	Keller Graduate School of Management 2655 Camino del Rio N., San Diego 92108 www.keller.edu	(619) 683-2446 (619) 683-2448	95 82 16	70 22	1 18 19	\$14,000 na	Private two-year NCA	Finance, accounting, economics, leadership	Warren Henderson Brad Johnson	1998
9 (8)	University of Redlands 9040 Friars Road, #310, San Diego 92108 www.redlands.edu	(619) 284-9292 (619) 284-9042	88 110 (20)	0 88	69 ⁽²⁾ 0 69	\$12,432 \$12,432	Private nonprofit four-year WASC	Finance, information systems, global business, geographic info systems	Pete Bergerin Anita Oshaben ⁽³⁾	1985
10 (5)	Alliant International University 10455 Pomerado Road, San Diego 92131 www.alliant.edu	(858) 635-4571 (858) 635-4528	58 ⁽⁴⁾ 67 ⁽⁴⁾ (13)	57 10	13 11 24	\$13,680 \$13,680	Private two-year WASC	Strategic management for business, government and nonprofit organizations	Ali Abu-Rahma Joel Pilco	1952
11 (11)	Point Loma Nazarene University 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego 92106 www.ptloma.edu/graduate/mba	(619) 563-2856 (619) 563-2898	29 28 4	na 37	9 4 13	\$22,000 \$22,000	Private four-year WASC	Organization leadership, professional development support	Margaret Bailey Dejon Davis	2001

The institutions on The List are accredited by various organizations, including the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Not Applicable

† Fall enrollment figures are for San Diego County only. Full-time and part-time status varies among different MBA schools.

‡ The schools.

It is not the intent of this List to endorse the participants nor to imply a school's size or numerical rank indicates its quality.

(1) This is a partial listing.

(2) Represents all School of Business faculty for all campuses.

(3) Actual title is enrollment services manager.

(4) Number includes MBA and MIBA students combined since the curriculum is the same.

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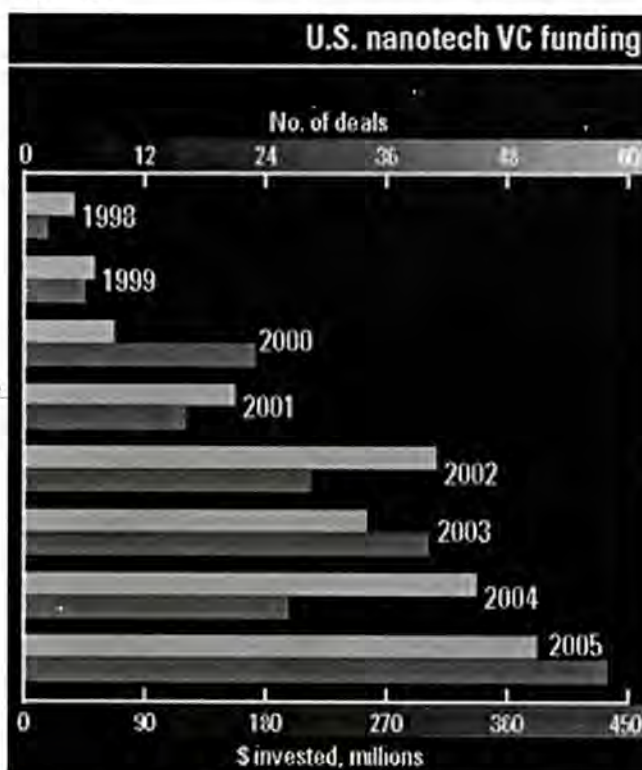
Legislation seeks to spur states' nano development

By Richard Acello

Initiatives designed to jump start nano-technology investment received a shot in the arm when the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development held a Capitol Hill hearing on May 4 spotlighting public-private programs in rural states that have paid dividends for companies like Hewlett-Packard.

The panel seemed particularly interested in testimony from representatives of universities and the nanotechnology industry suggesting that the U.S. might be falling behind Europe and Asia in what is becoming a race to develop nanotechnology research and commercial products. Sen. George Allen (R-VA) expressed a desire to have the U.S. at the forefront of what he called "the next great economic revolution."

Experts agreed that nanotechnology product development has been hindered by companies that can't bridge the valley of death - the period before a company reaches product revenues or profitability. Bridge funding lags because venture capital firms are wary of the siren song of "the next big thing."



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To stimulate investment, Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT), ranking Democratic member of the Senate Finance Committee, has introduced the Research Competitiveness Act of 2006. "Innovation kept America economically preeminent in the last century," Baucus said. "We need to double our commitment to research and experimentation, or we risk losing both our innovative edge and our economic leadership in the world."

The bill proposes a variety of measures designed to mitigate taxes. A Baucus spokesperson said the hope is that investment would increase from the private sector seeing that the government is supporting technology, and that the financial incentives for banks and venture capitalists would spur investment. However, James Smith, an associate professor of accounting at the University of San Diego, said state and local tax incentive packages are sometimes more helpful to emerging industries than federal research credits because they provide relief from sales or property taxes.

Also in the Congressional hopper is the Nanoscience to Commercialization Institutes Act. Introduced in October by Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR), the bill provides \$24 million to establish up to eight nanoscience institutes across the country. The Smith bill would benefit public-private, research-to-commercialization programs located in rural states, and was supported at the Senate hearing by the town manager of Danville, Va., an area hit hard by setbacks in the tobacco and textile industries.

An advocate of technology commercialization programs voiced support for the nano institutes in the Smith bill. "The institutes seem to be a valuable approach," said Tyler Orion, chief operating officer of the Connect program at the University of California San Diego (UCSD). "If we can co-locate the many scientific disciplines that contribute to nano-scale product development, I would imagine that should help create synergies that would spur innovation. I'm not sure whether tax incentives are an effective incentive for investment, but anything that encourages investment in the gap between concept and execution (post-grant and pre-venture capital) should be explored."

A venture capitalist offered a less enthusiastic view of Congressional attempts to drive private sector investment. "It's kind of putting the cart before the horse, since we always look at the funding investment thesis," says Joel Martin, a partner at Forward Ventures. "What we want to know is whether the company is going to make money for us. If not, then tax isn't really much of an issue."

Martin was also skeptical about the usefulness of Smith's nano institutes. "In general it's good to see the government funding gap financing, but the worry one always has is, what's the criteria for funding the work? Is it pork barrel?" Martin wondered. "If it's financing to somebody's home constituencies it will get handed out to employ some people but in the end doesn't result in a groundswell of momentum in advancing these companies." Martin suggested increasing funds for National Science Foundation grants might be a more efficient use of federal funds.

What's keeping funding from nanotechnology companies isn't a lack of funds, Martin said. "There's lots and lots of cash out there," he explained. "The funding problem with many nanotech companies is they have cool science but no real, clear concept of a product or business model. There's nothing worse than technology in search of an application."

Long lead times for research to commercialization means venture capitalists don't know how long they're going to have to fund a company, and VCs' attention spans have been shortened further by the dotcom bust, Martin said.

"If the market gets superheated around a certain technology, (investors) might jump in to (try to) get a quick turn on their investment like with the Internet," Martin said. "But you saw very clearly after the Internet bubble burst that VCs were not just randomly funding anything with a dotcom on the end."

When it comes to funding nanotech companies, Martin says venture capitalists are focused on a timeline to product rather than technology for technology's sake. "If someone comes to me and says I'm developing a new drug delivery technology, it's going to revolutionize cancer therapy and by the way, it's nanotechnology, I'm delighted to look at it," Martin said.



Research Competitiveness Act of 2006

Specifically, the bill:

- makes permanent the tax credit for applied research, commonly known as the R&D credit. Currently, the tax credit expires and must be renewed regularly by Congress.
- creates a 20 percent tax credit for qualifying expenses that exceed half the average of the prior three years, and a 10 percent credit if the company had no prior expenses.
- increases the percentage of contract research qualifying for the tax credit.
- streamlines and makes permanent the tax credit for basic research. One hundred percent of funds put toward basic research will qualify for the credit.
- allows tax-exempt bond authority for state and local governments to establish or update research parks.
- creates a tax credit to help start-up companies access inexpensive capital by allocating tax credits to qualifying research entities which will raise capital to fund small businesses with promising technologies.

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China Route Is a Big Bet for Small Shipping Line

Matson Navigation hopes its nimble ships can thrive in an industry dominated by giants.

By Ronald D. White
Times Staff Writer

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For 124 years, Matson Navigation Co. has dominated the waters between the West Coast and Hawaii.

Matson has ferried automobiles, pineapples and even people on its way to capturing 60% of the cargo business between the mainland and the islands. Now, one of the last of the U.S. shipping lines is hoping to boost its fortunes in an unusual way — with a fast boat from China.

Using five fuel-efficient ships that are almost petite by transpacific standards, Matson has launched weekly service from Shanghai to Long Beach that shaves a few days off the usual trip. It's placing a \$365-million bet on the most competitive shipping market on the planet, hoping that speed sells.

The China route represents a significant risk for a company that has thrived on lucrative contracts protected for eight decades by federal law from foreign competition.

"For us, the question has always been this: How does a niche company survive in the land of the giants?" said Matt Cox, Matson's chief operating officer. "Well, you don't retreat into greatness. We want to be part of the China business."

Oakland-based Matson has entered the China trade at what some analysts regard as a difficult time. The industry is flooded with more ships than it needs, and the U.S. economy is showing signs of cooling.

It is competing by using fewer than half its tiny fleet of 12 containerships. And Matson is up against the likes of Danish shipping giant A.P. Moller-Maersk, which has a fleet of 250 ships operating around the world.

"The China business could turn out badly," Goldman Sachs Group analysts Jonathan B. Habermann and Carey Callaghan wrote in a report to investors on Matson's plans. "No U.S.-flagged carrier is currently in this 'retail' end of the market in China, and the concern is that the business could have a slow gestation period."

Jason Kremer, an analyst at the San Francisco office of Caris & Co., agreed: "Right now, the pricing on freight is just too competitive."

Five months after the start of the China service, there are some positive signs. Matson, a subsidiary of Honolulu-based Alexander & Baldwin Inc., has signed 138 customers and during the second quarter moved 7,500 containers — both ahead of projections, the company said.

But Matson was hurt by lower-than-expected freight rates and high fuel costs. Those pressures, plus the operation's start-up costs, cut second-quarter operating income from ocean transportation to \$24.4 million from \$38.7 million a year earlier.

Difficulties were anticipated, Matson's Cox said, adding that its trade route has unique strengths.

Matson's ships make a 35-day round-trip voyage. After departing from Long Beach, they stop in Hawaii and Guam before heading to two Chinese cities — Ningbo and Shanghai — and then return directly to Long Beach. Although other carriers send their ships to China carrying a substantial number of empty containers, Cox said, Matson's are full, at least for the leg to Hawaii.


"Our tolerance for low freight rates is probably higher than those who rely on that China-to-the-West Coast leg for their entire profit," Cox said.

The company's ships are less than a third the size of the behemoths favored by international shipping lines for their cost-effective ability to carry 8,000 to 9,000 20-foot-equivalent containers in a single trip. But that makes Matson's vessels more nimble, completing the Shanghai-to-Long Beach leg in 11 days, which beats the other lines by one to three days, Matson said.

On top of that, customers can gain an extra day or two because Matson's Long Beach terminal is slightly inland from Terminal Island, which avoids the long delays that port truckers often face in picking up merchandise, the company says. In addition, importers don't have to pay the extra fees charged by port terminals for containers picked up during peak weekday hours.

"We can [unload] the entire ship when it arrives on Sunday night, have the containers put on wheeled chassis and taken to our off-port facility," said Ron Forest, Matson's senior vice president for operations. "Customers can come and pick it up, and it's already on wheels and they won't even have to enter the port."

Some experts believe that Matson will find a number of interested importers.

"If you're a customer with a goal of obtaining frequent, small deliveries, where the offloading and uploading is quick, it makes eminent good sense," said  Loren Croom, executive director of the Supply Chain Management Institute at the University of San Diego.

Crystal Art Gallery of Vernon is one of them.

Weary of dealing with multiple shipping lines for the roughly 1,000 containers of artwork and mirrors the company imports a year, management looked at several carriers to find one that they could give most of their business to, said Jim Ehren, Crystal Art Gallery's chief financial officer. The company selected Matson.

"Included in their service was bringing [the merchandise] right to our doors. We don't need to find a trucking company. We don't need drivers. Basically, it was like one-stop shopping," Ehren said. The containers usually show up in Vernon within 48 hours of the ship's arrival, he said. "It was great for us."

The catalyst for the new venture was the end of a moneymaking 10-year arrangement with APL, the former U.S. ocean carrier once called American President Line that is now owned by Neptune Orient Lines of Singapore.

Under the setup that expired in February, Matson leased three ships and container capacity to APL for service to Hawaii, Guam and Asia. APL operated the ships and gave Matson a cut of the revenue.

Matson already had become what Goldman Sachs Group called "one of the most profitable maritime shipping companies" by dominating the lucrative niche cargo route between the U.S. mainland and Hawaii and Guam. A provision of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 protects that route from foreign competition by requiring that all cargo moving between U.S. ports be carried in U.S.-built ships owned by U.S. companies and operated by U.S. crews.

The loss of the APL contract meant a potential hit of \$10 million to \$20 million to Matson's annual operating profit and \$35 million to revenue. With the APL contract in place last year, Matson saw operating income rise 18% to \$128 million and revenue increase 3% to \$878.3 million. That represented about half the revenue and most of the profit posted in 2005 by parent Alexander & Baldwin, which also grows sugar cane and coffee and manages real estate holdings.

Matson had a choice of living off its Hawaii cargo business against a challenge from two smaller U.S. competitors or taking the kind of risk that the company has been known for throughout its history.

Matson traces its origin to 1882, when William Matson sailed a three-masted schooner named Emma Claudina from San Francisco to Hilo, Hawaii, with 300 tons of food, plantation supplies and other cargo.

Matson brought the first high-end hotels and cruise ships to Hawaii in the 1920s, overcame the loss of one-fourth of its vessels in World War II and helped pioneer the use of containerships in the Pacific nearly 50 years ago. In 1969, Alexander & Baldwin, which bought a minority interest in Matson in 1908, purchased the remainder of the shipping line.

In 1970, Matson sold its luxury ocean liners, 11 years after getting out of the hotel business. The company concentrated on shipping freight between Hawaii and West Coast ports; in the 1980s, it formed logistics and container-leasing subsidiaries. Guam was added as a port of call in the 1990s.

Since 2003, Matson has operated out of a nondescript office building in Oakland with only a few reminders of its rich legacy: the nameplate of a former vessel, a few models of current ships and a few paintings that mimic old Matson color ads.

"Our company has a history of great service," Forest said. "We are going to prove that here" with the new China service.

For Beme International of San Diego, which sells curtain rods to national retailers, an important benefit of switching to Matson was the elimination of the surcharge for picking up cargo during peak hours, said Mark McDonough, Beme's director of logistics.

"They have been on time, and they have done what they promised," McDonough said. "So far so good."

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Slowdown forecast for local economy

Six indicators used
show negative trend

By Dean Calbreath
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The economy in San Diego County probably will slow down through the end of this year, and the weakness could extend into the beginning of 2007, according to an analysis of leading economic indicators released yesterday by the Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.

Based on the continuing slide of the regional economic indicators, USD economist Alan Gin predicted a 16 percent slowdown in hiring by the end of the year.

The local unemployment rate, which was below 4 percent for much of the spring, will rise to 4.5 percent by year's end, Gin said.

"I don't think we'll see an outright recession, but we will see a slowdown in our rate of employment growth," Gin said.

Gin based his predictions on USD's regional economic indicators, which have been declining since April.

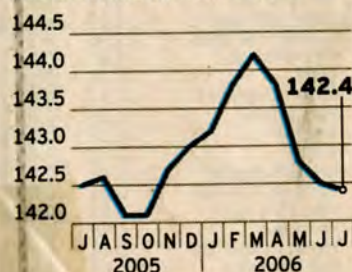
Each of the six economic indicators — residential building permits, unemployment filings, local stock prices, consumer confidence, help-wanted ads and national economic growth — has been in negative territory at least three of the four months from April through July.

"What's been frightening over the past four months is how negative all of the indicators have turned, reflecting general weakness in the economy as a whole," Gin said. "In April and May, all six categories were negative."

In the index for July, which was released yesterday, housing permits were the only cate-

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INDEX OF LEADING ECONOMIC
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Area stock prices have fallen along with the Nasdaq

gory that rose, driven largely by new filings for apartment and condominium projects. Before June, housing permits had declined for a full year, reflecting softening demand for single-family homes.

"If you compare the number to a year ago, we're still down. But we calculate on a month-to-month basis," Gin said. "Early this year, there was such a big drop that we're bouncing back from relatively low levels."

Initial claims for unemploy-

ment insurance have risen more than 20 percent from the lows reached in November 2005. It does not appear that employers are in a rush to create new jobs. Although online help-wanted ads rose in July, it was not enough to offset a decline in newspaper want ads.

"Right now, we're adding jobs at a rate of about 18,000 per year," Gin said. "I see that slowing down to 15,000 at the end of the year and going into early 2007."

Local stock prices also have been hammered, reflecting the weakness of the Nasdaq stock index, where most San Diego stocks are listed. The Nasdaq hit a 12-month low in July after a three-month slide. The index has since rebounded, but it is still down nearly 2 percent from the beginning of the year.

Consumer confidence, which has been fluctuating for the past year, was on a downward slope in July.

"Local stocks saw a bounce in August, since they were so oversold, but it looks like we may be in for another round of selling," said Bud Leedom, publisher of the *California Stock Report*. "San Diego has always been skewed more toward the speculative markets, such as technology and biotech, so when the stock market is really performing, we do very well, but when it's having problems,

we get hurt worse than anyone else."

Consumer confidence, which has been fluctuating up and down for the past year, was on a downward slope in July. Gin blamed the war in Iraq, high gas prices, the shaky housing market and political turmoil here and abroad.

Gin said that if gas prices continue to drop, it could lead to an improvement in consumer sentiment this month.

"I've estimated that for every 10 cents that the price of gasoline goes up, it takes \$7 million per month out of the local economy," Gin said. "But the reverse is true when prices are going down. So if prices continue to go down, we could see more money going into the economy as well as a revival in consumer confidence."

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Study indicates local economic growth slowing

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The era of increased economic growth in San Diego County could be over for a while, according to a University of San Diego study.

In the report, USD economics professor Alan Gin tracks an economic index of six categories. He determined that five of the six areas dropped 0.1 percent from June to July, the fourth month in a row the index declined.

Gin said the news wasn't good, but it wasn't necessarily bad.

"It means things are going to slow," he said. "There should be some concern, but there is no need to panic."

The index measures the county's economy in six key areas: building permits, unemployment insurance, stock prices, consumer confidence, help-wanted advertising and the national economy. Unemployment insurance dropped 1.53 percent, the largest drop in the index. Four others dropped less than half a percentage point.

The biggest impact could be in the creation of new jobs. Gin said he expected county employment growth projections to drop almost 20 percent, from 18,000 to 15,000 jobs. Either number would be a decline from the 20,000 jobs created in 2005, he said.

Gin expected the declines to continue through early next year.

Building permits rose during the last month by 1.75 percent. Gin said the increase happened to make up for lower-than-usual building permits earlier in the year.

The data is seasonally adjusted, he said, to account for volatile employment industries, such as tourism.

Gin said three things were to blame for the decreases: high gas prices, a slower housing market and concerns about the worldwide political situation, such as turmoil in Iraq and Iran. He said political concerns could affect consumer spending, which represents 67 percent of the U.S.

economy.

"A lot of people are unhappy with the direction of the country," Gin said.

Julie Meier Wright, president and chief executive officer of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp., said her agency would take the figures as a call to arms.

"It means we have to redouble our efforts to make (San Diego County) compete effectively," she said. "We have to walk the talk."

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Index Shows Local Economy Lags

San Diego's economy is in the doldrums, and not looking at turning around anytime soon, according to the index of leading economic indicators released Sept. 6.

For the fourth consecutive month, the index compiled by University of San Diego economics professor Alan Gin showed a decline, with July's index dropping a tenth of a percent.

Five of the seven components of the index decreased during July, with the largest decline coming from an increased number of claims for unemployment insurance, which is registered as a decrease.

Four other components were down slightly. These were the stock prices of local firms; consumer confidence index;

help-wanted line; and the national index of leading economic indicators.

The sole category showing an increase in July was in the number of building permits issued.

Gin said most of the index's components turned negative in April, and haven't turned around since.

"Given the negative indications, the outlook is for a slowing in the local economy towards the end of 2006, with the weakness extending at least through the beginning of 2007," Gin said.



Alan Gin

— Mike Allen

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USD snapshot indicates weakening economy

The University of San Diego's monthly look at economic indicators suggests that the economy weakened in July for the fourth month in a row.

Five of the six local elements used to determine the index were down in July, bringing it down 0.1 percent.

Unemployment insurance claims were up 1.53 percent, and the San Diego Stock Exchange index dropped 0.37 percent. Consumer confidence and the national economy were both down 0.14 percent on the month, while help wanted advertising dropped 0.19 percent.

Building permits were on the rise, increasing 1.75 percent.

The study states that these numbers indicate a slowing economy at least through the beginning of 2007.

"This weakness will be manifested in the form of slower job growth (about 15,000 compared to the current 18,000-19,000) and the unemployment rate edging up to 4.5 percent," the study states. **Source Code: 20060906tlc**

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USD's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County fell 0.1 percent in July. Five components were down during the month, with a large increase in initial claims for unemployment insurance (a negative for the Index) leading the way. The four other declining components -- local stock prices, consumer confidence, help wanted advertising and the outlook for the national economy -- were down only slightly. These were nearly offset by a sharp increase in building permits, the only positive component in the Index.

July's move was the fourth consecutive monthly decrease in the USD Index of Leading Economic Indicators. The decline was broad based, with five of the six components down during the month. Almost all of the components turned negative in April and many have remained negative since. Given the negative indications, the outlook is for a slowing in the local economy towards the end of 2006, with the weakness extending at least through the beginning of 2007. The weakness will be in the form of slower job growth.

Residential units authorized by building permits posted a second straight strong gain after declining for a full year. Strength in multifamily units authorized is largely responsible for the turnaround.

The labor market variables were both down in July, indicating weakness in terms of both job losses and hiring plans. While still relatively low compared to historic levels, initial claims for unemployment insurance are up more than 20 percent from the low reached in November 2005. Help wanted advertising remains weak, with an increase in online advertising only partially offsetting declines in print advertising. The consequence is that the local unemployment rate has increased to 4.3 percent in July after being under 4 percent for much of the spring.

After finishing 2005 and beginning 2006 with a rebound, consumer confidence has slipped again. The war in Iraq, high gas prices, an uncertain housing market and political

turmoil locally, nationally and internationally are some of the reasons for consumer pessimism.

With the Nasdaq Composite Index in the red for the year, local stock prices remain under pressure. They have mirrored the overall Index and have fallen for four months in a row.

Según expertos, tenderá a disminuir

Crece San Diego a su punto máximo

Universidad de la comunidad llevó a cabo un profundo estudio

Tatiana MARTÍNEZ / el mexicano

SAN DIEGO.- Un estudio de la Universidad de San Diego sugiere que el crecimiento del condado ya llegó a su punto máximo y se prepara un descenso.

El economista Alan Gin, quien presentó el análisis, tomó en cuenta seis categorías, de las cuales cinco presentaron una reducción en su crecimiento por debajo del uno por ciento.

De acuerdo al reporte de la Universidad, el impacto más grande puede ser la generación de nuevos empleos, en donde se presentará una disminución del 20 por ciento, calcula

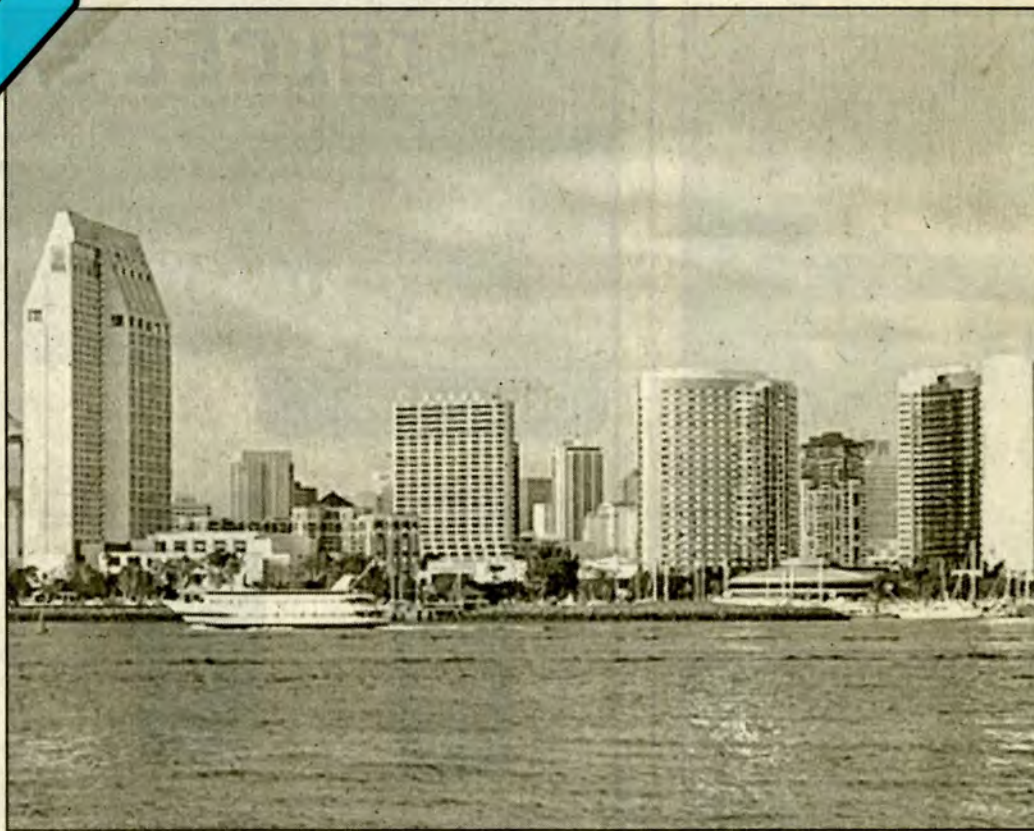
Las cifras se han mantenido prácticamente idénticas desde hace cuatro meses, lo que le permite suponer que se avecina una caída.

Tomó en cuenta los permisos para construcción, el seguro de desempleo, el precio del mercado (stock), la confianza del consumidor, los anuncios de soli-

citud de empleo y la economía nacional.

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El único rubro que presentó crecimiento fue la autorización de permisos de construcción, que presentó el aumento del 1.75 por ciento.

El análisis va más profundo, al encontrar a los factores responsables de la pausa que

enfrenta San Diego en cuanto su crecimiento.

Detectan el aumento del precio del combustible, un mercado de vivienda cada vez más lento, así como la situación política que tiene esta nación en el entorno internacional.

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Home sales still are slowing Prices lag in L.A., S.D. counties

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Meanwhile, mortgage foreclosures climbed in the spring as higher interest rates and energy prices made monthly payments harder for some homeowners.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, in its quarterly mortgage survey released Wednesday, reported that the percentage of mortgages that started the foreclosure process in the April-to-June quarter rose to 0.43 percent.

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Associated Press

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The Upride Ends: Now It Gets Interesting

By Don Bauder

From bubble bailout to debt deflation? That would be the most dangerous fallout from the bursting real estate bubble. The doomsday scenario isn't likely, but San Diegans must face grim facts: the steady rise in home values, one of the steepest in the

is debt deflation: people cutting their spending to continue paying their mortgage, thus crimping the local economy.

That will happen to some degree, but how much is hard to predict: "We are already seeing a housing slowdown," says James Hamilton, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "We see an increase in defaults; we certainly see price declines. Is this



PERCENT OF SAN DIEGO EMPLOYMENT

	2002	2006
Construction	6.21	7.27
Real Estate Offices	1.67	1.81
Total	7.88	9.08*

*Does not include mortgage brokers and bankers or individual real estate entrepreneurs

Source: SANDAG

nation, is over. People went deeply and dangerously into debt to buy homes they couldn't afford. Rising home values bailed them out for years. No more. Sales are down sharply; prices are finally edging down. Now the risk

going to be a temporary adjustment or a full-out crash with bankruptcies and panic selling? I just don't know."

July's home sales in the county were down 30 percent from a year ago, according to La Jolla's DataQuick

Information Systems. The median price of homes of all kinds in July was \$487,000, down 1.8 percent from a year earlier. Detached single-family homes (condos not included) had a median of \$560,000, the same as a year ago. Some sellers of downtown condos are already taking a haircut of 10 percent or more. These quoted prices are deceptively high because sellers often won't go below a certain price, and carrying costs can eat them alive as the home sits on the market.

It's a stark contrast to the boom days. Between July of 2001 and July of this year, median detached single-family home prices doubled.

The giggle juice flowed, and people took unwise risks to get in on the party — more so than in other U.S. cities. Last year and this year, two-thirds of mortgages were of the exotic variety — particularly interest-only or negative amortization. In such mortgages, borrowers' monthly payments can be lower than the amount required to pay off the debt. Thus, the loan balance keeps rising, and home values must rise, too, to keep the borrower afloat. These mortgages can be one-way tickets to perdition.

The zooming real estate values didn't only rescue crap-

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shooters; they helped bail out average San Diego families writhing in a cost-income squeeze. High and rising home

prices induce euphoria and therefore stimulate excessive consumer spending. According to the most recent report by the Council for Community and Economic Research, San Diego's cost of living is 43 percent higher than the

nation's. But incomes are less than 15 percent higher. For decades, San Diegans have had their heads in a vise.

The national savings rate is a horrifying minus 1.7 percent. In 1980, it was plus 12 percent. The savings rate isn't calculated for individual metro areas, but it's a good bet that San Diego's is below the national percentage.

For merchants, the big rise in home values in this century was a mixed blessing. Yes, people bought more fur-

niture and appliances when they moved into new homes, and the wealth effect boosted all kinds of spending. But as prices soared, affordability plummeted; households with median incomes of almost \$65,000 a year can afford a

mere 4.6 percent of homes on the market. This is one of the reasons that the county's population began declining last year. Home buyers in hock above their heads are spending an inordinately high percentage of their incomes servicing their mortgages; that, too, hurts local businesses.

As home prices rose, more and more people borrowed against the inflated value of their houses. The big question is how much of that phantom financing went for everyday expenses. If people were borrowing against bloated home values to buy

their groceries, household goods, cars, and the like, then the economy will suffer when the tap dries up, as it is already starting to do. Unfortunately, there aren't reliable statistics showing where that borrowed money went.

Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego, doubts that much borrowed money went to finance local consumption. He thinks the bulk of it "was plowed into move-up housing. Somebody bought a \$200,000 home; then they went to a \$500,000 one, then to a \$750,000 home. They just reinvested in higher-priced homes. They fueled a lot of the housing boom."

Now what happens? New housing will be whacked, says Gin. "As prices reverse, construction will reverse," agrees Ross Starr, economist at the University of California, San Diego. That will hurt. Right now, 7.27 percent of San Diego's jobs are in construction, according to the San Diego Association of Governments. That's up from 6.21 percent in 2002. Another 1.81 percent of local jobs represents people working in real estate offices, up from 1.67 percent in 2002.

So that means 9.08 percent of total jobs are in real estate, but that's only part of the story. That percentage does not capture mortgage bankers and brokers — and the county is full of them now — or real estate entrepreneurs working on their own. It's possible that close to 12 percent of San Diegans work in real estate one way or another. By contrast, a mere 1.7 percent work in biotech and 1.2 percent in computers and electronics. "The entire country is vulnerable," but San Diego more so because its

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economy has been so dependent on real estate inflation, says Gin.

Edward Leamer, director of the Anderson Forecast at the University of California, Los Angeles, says the U.S. economy "will muddle along for several years" because of the real estate falloff, and San Diego's muddle may be stickier. Prices on both coasts soared much more than inland. Among coastal cities, San Diego was a highflier. Now we're seeing the reverse. In July, San Diego's prices actually declined; in other Southern California cities, they were still rising, albeit barely, notes Leamer. Also, the percentage of San Diegans working in real estate is higher than in other metro areas, he says. Still, he does not expect a recession in the United States or in San Diego.

Financial institutions will feel the squeeze, says Starr. The people who got the interest-only and negative amortization loans may not have put much money down. Sinking values will hurt. "This will result in distress sales," he says. "We will see some pockets of debt deflation. In downtown condos, we have seen price declines that are enough for highly leveraged borrowers to see their equity wiped out. The lender may be left holding the bag. Borrowers will hand over the keys and say they are sorry it didn't work out."

There's another scenario that could be even scarier. Gin notes that historically, people have done "whatever they could do to hold on to their homes." They will cut down on consumption, perhaps take second jobs. Or, worse, "they could take out 50-year interest-only loans — go to even riskier mortgages."

That's like dope addiction — the kind of approach the city's government has been taking.

Some demographic and economic factors are hard to predict. In 2008, baby boomers begin to retire. Some economists predict they will sell their homes to finance their golden years; that would put downward pressure on home values. On the other hand, if housing slumps severely in once-overheated

markets like San Diego, the Federal Reserve could lower interest rates to fill the bubble again.

Another factor suggests the sting could be mild. Starr points out that San Diegans for decades have lived with high housing prices, excessive and risky debt, a cost-income squeeze, low savings, and real estate boom-bust cycles. We've lived on the edge before and maybe can do it again. ■

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L.A. home sales still on decline

Some analysts believe the current slump is a price correction and buyers will return.
By The Associated Press

The once high-flying housing market kept slowing in August in two key Southern California counties, as sales eroded and prices lagged compared to a year ago, a real estate research firm said.

Data released Wednesday for Los Angeles and San Diego counties suggested a price correction was under way in the markets that had attracted bidding wars in recent years, said Andrew LePage, an analyst with DataQuick Information Systems.

"We're not sure at what point demand will respond and start to pick up again," he said.

In Los Angeles County, home prices rose in August at the lowest annual rate in six years. In San Diego County, prices declined 2.2 percent compared to the year-ago figure, the data showed.

Figures for other California counties were due next week.

Last month, 9,193 homes were sold in Los Angeles County, a 21 percent drop from the same time last year and the fewest for the month of August since 1997. It was the county's ninth straight month of plunging year-over-year sales.

Meanwhile, the median price in the county increased 4.7 percent in August to \$517,000, the data showed.

The situation was worse in San Diego County, where the median price of a home dropped to \$482,000, the same level as April 2005. The county also saw a 32 percent decline in sales compared to a year ago.

Analysts said the drop in sales could bottom out by the middle of next year and make a gradual recovery by late 2008.

"It will take a year or two to work itself out," said Alan Gin, a University of San Diego professor and associate at its Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

The cooling housing market nationwide will likely slow down the U.S. economy, the International Monetary Fund warned Thursday, and that could drag on global growth.

But China's booming economy shows no sign of slowing down, and that prompted the IMF to raise its global growth forecast for this year and next. The IMF revised downward its forecast for U.S.

economic growth to 2.9 percent for 2007 from an estimate of 3.3 percent in April. This year, the U.S. is seen expanding 3.4 percent, the fund projected in its semiannual World Economic Outlook.

In addition to China, both Japan and Europe are expanding and the IMF raised its forecast for global growth to 5.1 percent this year and 4.9 percent next year -- both up a quarter-point from April.

"This is really the fourth year of very strong global growth," said Raghuram Rajan, the fund's chief economist in Singapore, where the IMF and the World Bank will be meeting next week.

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Real estate leaders converge to discuss state of regional market

By SAM HODGSON
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — San Diego real estate industry leaders met at *The Daily Transcript* Thursday for a roundtable discussion on the state of the commercial property market and their forecasts for 2007.

The group members focused their talks on how the county's purported housing slowdown affected commercial real estate, how the downtown market will fare in the near future and what the driving forces are affecting the market's change.

The group didn't come to any consensus about what would happen to the commercial real estate market in 2007. Instead, leaders presented different forecasts and reasoning behind their predictions.

Jim Spain, managing director

of **Colliers International**, said commercial real estate values had flattened out recently, but development had not yet hit a downturn.

"We're not seeing the tremendous acceleration we saw over the last say four or five years," he said.

Steve Rowland of **Grubb & Ellis|BRE** agreed that values have held steady this year. He said one of the major issues coming forward in both the downtown markets and throughout the county would be volume of product.

"We're seeing less bids for commercial product, and yet the prices are still going up," he said. "There's still the capital that wants to be in San Diego. It's still one of the top two investment markets."

Irving and Hughes Senior Vice President David Marino had different forecasts for 2007, howev-

er. He and Spain engaged in a minor spat about what the effect of the county's vacancy rates would be on the market.

Marino contended that 2007 would be a slow year because, although brokers often speak in terms of low vacancy rates, oftentimes they fail to report how much property its tenants are subletting. This, he said, paints a more realistic picture of commercial property availability, especially in areas with high subleasing rates such as Sorrento Mesa, Carlsbad and the Interstate 15 corridor.

"If you look at the whole story, I think 2007 is going to be a very, very tough year for landlords," Marino said.

Spain argued that sublet rates across the county are still low,

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and are not affecting the market as much as Marino said.

"I totally disagree with Dave on sublease rates," he said. "I have our stats here from the second quarter, and we're showing less than 1 percent of sublease vacancy, basically in both industrial and office, looking across the whole county.

"Dave's coming out full doom and gloom. I think this is paradise compared to 1994."

There was universal agreement that the downtown commercial market faces challenges in the coming years. A number of issues affect the market, including accessibility and cost.

Parking is increasingly a concern as downtown condos spring up on top of what used to be parking lots. And CEOs, many of whom live north of the Interstate

805 Interstate 5 merger, tend to position their companies close to home in areas such as Del Mar Heights. The experts didn't seem to think that the low-price availability of downtown condos, spurred by the cooling housing market, would necessarily bolster commercial real estate. They didn't see San Diegans as being prepared to ditch their cars and walk to work.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Mark Riedy, executive director of the Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego; **American National Investments** CEO Gina Champion-Cain; Jerry Jacquet of **Meissner Jacquet Investment Management Services**; and **Burnham Real Estate** CEO Stath Karras.

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Commercial space calculations a hot issue among local firms

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A debate over commercial space and sublease space and how it is being calculated appears to be heating up. The topic came to the fore during a roundtable discussion hosted by *The Daily Transcript* on Sept. 14.

Jim Spain, a **Colliers International** managing director, and David Marino, a tenant-only principal with **Irving Hughes**, spent time deliberating the issue.

Spain said while there has been a marked decline in housing activity, the slowdown -- if it is coming -- has yet to hit the commercial real estate market. Marino doesn't agree.

Marino said there is some 4.1 million square feet of sublease office, industrial and flex space in the county, a figure he says is up from about 3.5 million square feet a year ago.

While the Irving Hughes' tally includes three types of space, Marino suggests that sublease space is still often under-calculated when pure office space is considered alone. Also, with companies such as **Memec**, **Nokia** and **Intel** returning space to the market, this may only get worse.

"And, 5.2 million square feet of office, flex and industrial space is slated to slam into the market in 2007," Marino said. "There's a ton of space coming online in 2007 and still some more space is coming online in 2008."

Spain said sublease space amounts to less than 1 percent of the total.

"Dave's coming out full doom and gloom," Spain said. "I think this is paradise compared to 1994."

Looking at the different markets, Marino said the overhang of total space equates to a 23.7-month level of office inventory in the Interstate 15 corridor and that markets such as University Towne Centre, Del Mar Heights, Carlsbad and Sorrento Mesa are also seeing significant surpluses due to all their sublease space.

Irving Hughes reports that Del Mar Heights has about 11.3 months of inventory, University Towne Centre has 23.4 months, Carlsbad has 19 months and Sorrento Mesa has 17.5 months of office inventory.

Sorrento Mesa, for example, will be negatively impacted when Cardinal Health vacates. North University City will feel the effects when Intuit leaves its space to consolidate operations on the state Route 56 corridor.

"If you look at the whole story, I think 2007 is going to be a very, very tough year for landlords," Marino said.

Steve Rowland, investment specialist, principal with **Grubb & Ellis|BRE Commercial**, said the millions of square feet of space that is coming online is a testament to the fact that landlords are convinced they will be able to command the rents necessary to make their properties work.

Stath Karras, CEO of **Burnham Real Estate**, said while he agrees there will be a bit of a slowdown, he doesn't think the market will be overbuilt.

"We had our best year ever in 2005, and it has been a 10-year upside," Karras said.

Marino said there is also a plethora of available highly specialized space, such as wet labs for biotechnology firms that may now be outsourcing much of their research. He added that about 12 to 14 buildings containing wet labs in the Torrey Pines area alone that could go empty for a very long time.

In the meantime, standard office space has been slow to lease in downtown San Diego. Irving Hughes reports about 6,000 square feet of net office absorption occurred downtown through the first half of the year.

However, **Lankford & Associates'** 365,000-square-foot Broadway 655 project is now about 89 percent leased, according to Marino's calculations.

Cisterra Partners' DiamondView Tower, which overlooks Petco Park's right field, quickly landed **Cox Communications**, **Comerica Bank** and **CB Richard Ellis** as tenants, but the rest of the tower's space has been slow to lease.

"DiamondView is having a tough time," Marino said. "It isn't close to the courts and people have the perception -- whether real or imaginary -- that they will have to compete with the ballpark traffic."

Kraig Kristofferson, a **CB Richard Ellis** senior vice president, said while DiamondView Tower's occupancy has been at 34 percent for quite a few months, he is not worried about getting the last 160,000 square feet filled.

"When you look at Lankford's building, you can tell that this is really a very tight market," Kristofferson said. "The building won't get done until next March, but you ought to see the views ... Not just into the ballpark, but to the city and the bay."

Kristofferson, who said the rates will range from about \$3.25 to \$4 per square foot, said he doesn't believe the distance to the courts will be a problem because DiamondView will have its own shuttle service.

Kristofferson added that while sublease space may be a major problem in places such as Sorrento Mesa and Del Mar Heights, it is not a problem downtown.

Mission Valley's office market continues to be an odd combination of new space and space that dates back to the 1960s.

"That's why Mission Valley didn't get crushed like some of the other markets," Marino said.

Karras, who said that half the office buildings along Camino del Rio South went into foreclosure during the 1990s, said the Mission Valley submarket appears to be much healthier this time around.

"Diversity really serves that market well," Karras said.

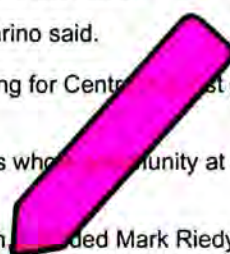
The brokers said the jury is still out on how the eventual 1-million-square-foot Sunroad Centrum project at the San Diego Spectrum will fare. The initial 329,000-square-foot phase topped out last month.

"I think tenants paying over \$3 for that space could be a stumbling block," Marino said.

Rick Vann, **Sunroad Enterprises** real estate division president, said marketing for Centrum is just getting under way. Completion is expected late June 2007.

"It's a true Class A building; it has excellent freeway access and it's within this whole community at the (San Diego) Spectrum," Vann said. "We're very bullish on this project."

Other roundtable participants, hosted by Executive Editor George Chamberlin, included Mark Riedy, executive director of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego; **American National Investments** CEO Gina Champion-Cain; and Jerry Jacquet of **Meissner Jacquet Investment Management Services**.





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Direction, wasting, heads-up deliverer's blues

BY MILDRED CULP

Q: I've been delivering packages for one of the major shippers for three years. It's been great, because I've met a lot of people and I've seen a lot of different kinds of businesses. However, I still don't know what kind of industry I should look into. Help!

A: It's time to help yourself. The easiest thing to do is to shift into a job in the transportation industry, because it's a fairly logical career change. If that doesn't strike your fancy, try this:

- List or describe all of the customers you liked on your route.
- Group the names by type of company.
- Determine which groups are the largest.
- Identify the industries the groups of businesses represent.

Are you finding a direction to go in? Research your top one or two industries online and at the library to learn more about them. What intrigues you? Finding direction is much more difficult than the job hunting process itself.

For this reason, many people skip the first step and needlessly extend their job hunting time. Searching is painful enough without having a sense of what you're trying to find. It's much easier to jump in feet first, but why extend a process that inherently requires time and patience?

Q: I'm a member of a community group that takes some time. How can I assess whether it's helping my career? On the Fence

A: It's better to be on the fence than off. Community engagement looks good on a resume and sometimes leads to career advancement. You might eventually meet someone who knows someone else you need to meet. You might eventually find a person to hire at your company. Meanwhile, being part of your community can broaden your perspective on life and help round you out as a person.

You know that you're wasting your time, professionally speaking, if

- The organization's mission is unclear or members don't know how to realize it and, further, aren't interested in achieving it.
- You share no interests with members.
- Activities consume so much of your time that you're tired at work.
- You're in constant conflict with other members.

– The organization's values are very different from yours.

On the other hand, if you feel like a more well-rounded person because of your affiliating with the group, you're already benefitting from it. So is your career.

Blog tip

Learn to read the signs when job hunting

Paying attention can get you from Point A to Point B. Not paying attention can get you to Point C, or off the chart.

You have to be on the ball, according to Jeryldine Tully, communications director at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate in the School of Business at the University of San Diego. The process there evolved so smoothly that she felt it was meant to be.

This wasn't the case the time she flew to Chicago for a job interview during a blizzard. She arrived after midnight at a hotel with snow drifts up to the windows, afraid that she'd be disheveled during her interview the next morning.

After getting a key from the front desk, she opened the door to her room.

"I noticed a man's wallet and baseball cap on the dresser," she recalls. "Then I noticed a man sleeping on the bed."

She backed out, got a second key from the night attendant, but "the door was caught by the security chain; so obviously someone was already sleeping in that bed, too!"

Her shoulders drooping with a suitcase she couldn't put down, she obtained a third key, which opened to a room filled with chemical odors. Back to the front desk. The fourth key opened a door to the only remaining option -- a room without heat.

Tully huddled in bed with her winter coat on, then had breakfast and rode the shuttle. She noticed that the driver was headed for the wrong office of the company about to interview her.

"We made a U-turn and sat in traffic for about 30 minutes," she recalled. "I was late for the interview and completely drained."

Know the signs when you see them. Tully said, "I figured I was one lightning bolt away from God telling me that job was not meant to be."

E-mail your job-hunting questions to columnist Mildred Culp at culp@workwise.net.

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Where will the stock market be in 2011?

Commentary: Value Line sees gain, but data points give pause

By Mark Hulbert, MarketWatch

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ANNANDALE, Va. (MarketWatch) -- One of the supreme ironies of the investment world is that it is easier to predict the market's longer-term movements than its short-term gyrations.

Whether the stock market goes up or down on Friday, or next week, is anybody's guess. The probabilities are not appreciably different than for a coin flip.

But it is possible to do much better than 50-50 odds when forecasting the market's movements over the next five years.

Yet few advisers even bother with five-year forecasts, and I'm not entirely sure why. One reason, perhaps, is that it takes an awfully long time for an adviser who focuses on five-year horizons to find out whether he was right. An adviser hoping to make a name right away has a far greater incentive to focus on the short term.

To help redress this imbalance, I want to give credit to an investment newsletter that regularly makes long-term forecasts, and whose track record is enviable.

The newsletter is the Value Line Investment Survey, published by Value Line, Inc.). The firm probably is better known for its stock ranking system, which has a long and distinguished record. ~~Value~~ , because its ranking system focuses on stocks' prospects for the next six to 12 months, many don't think of Value Line as providing longer-term forecasts. See Aug. 30 column

But Value Line also focuses on stocks' prospects over the next three to five years, and those longer-term forecasts have done very well, too.

Consider what Value Line's forecast was five years ago, which turns out to have been in the dark days immediately following the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. In contrast to the panic selling in which many investors and advisers then participated, Value Line boldly predicted that the typical stock would double over the next three to five years.

That may not seem like a big deal now, with the 20-20 hindsight provided by a strong bull market, but it was not a prediction that investors found easy to follow at the time.

How has the prediction worked out? You be the judge.

The overall stock market, as judged by the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 index), has produced a 61% total return since then decent, to be sure, but short of the forecast of a double (97199001

But the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 index, like the S&P 500 or other broad market indexes, is dominated by a few large-cap stocks, and so is not necessarily the only, or the best, way to judge Value Line's forecast.

A widely followed index that is not dominated by a few large caps is the Russell 2000 index. According to Frank

Russell Co., the Russell 2000 since its low following the 9-11 attacks has produced a total return of 104%.

Note that the accompanying chart does not include dividends, and thus shows lower numbers than these.

Have Value Line's three-to-five year forecasts always turned out this close to the mark? Of course not. But several econometric analyses have found impressive statistical significance in these Value Line forecasts. One study, conducted several years ago by the Hulbert Financial Digest, found that the median Value Line three-to-five year forecast explained 43% (an r-squared of 43%) of the variability in the stock market's rolling four-year returns since 1965.



What is Value Line saying now?

Unfortunately, its longer-term forecast is not nearly as bullish today as it was five years ago: It is predicting that the median stock will rise by 50% over the next three to five years. This forecast, in other words, is only half as bullish as it was five years ago.

You might think that a 50% increase over five years' time is still handsome enough to justify being heavily invested in stocks. But there are a couple of additional data points that should give you pause.

One major one is that a 50% three-to-five year forecast is one of the lower ones that Value Line has had since the late 1960s, when it began providing them. In fact, only 15% of the weekly readings over the last four decades have been lower than the current one.

In addition, you should be aware that at least one newsletter editor, who bases his market timing on Value Line's three-to-five-year forecasts, believes 50% is not high enough to justify incurring stock-market risk. That is Dan Seiver, editor of the PAD System Report newsletter, an emeritus professor of economics at Miami University of Ohio and currently a visiting professor of economics and finance at San Diego State University and the University of San Diego.

Value Line itself is inclined to interpret the situation bullishly, and is currently recommending that equity portfolios be invested at the 80% level, reserving just 20% for cash. ■

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Playing the Numbers With Social Security

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RON AND MONICA REIMER of Georgetown, Tex., have a question that's on the minds of many others their age: When should they begin collecting Social Security? They could start claiming benefits next year when they both turn 62. But their checks would be reduced by 25% for the rest of their lives, compared with what they would receive if they wait until they reach their normal retirement age of 66. But why not take the cash as soon as they can, as the majority of retirees do?

Over the next five years, more than 15 million Americans will turn 62, and they will confront the same choice: Take a smaller Social Security payment for a longer period of time, or opt for a larger monthly check that starts later and is based on a shorter life expectancy.

The answer could depend on whether you plan to work beyond 62, whether you want the money to augment your retirement income or to invest in your nest egg, or whether you want to provide the largest benefit to a surviving spouse.

Everyone's circumstance is different, but no matter what your situation, these are several of the major factors that come into play.

REMEMBER THE EARNINGS SQUEEZE

If your vision of retirement includes work, as it does for more than three-fourths of baby-boomers interviewed for an AARP study released last year, then claiming Social Security benefits at age 62 is not likely to be a reasonable option. For those born between 1943 and 1954, the normal retirement age is 66. But if you start collecting benefits at 62 and you earn more than the earnings cap limit (\$12,480 for 2006), you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you earn over the limit. Once you reach age 66, the earnings cap disappears.

Here's how it works. Let's say you turn 62 in September and claim benefits on October 1. Social Security will ignore all earnings before October, and a special first-year-of-retirement rule will allow you to earn up to \$1,040 a month (one-twelfth of this year's \$12,480 annual limit) in the last three months of the year without affecting your benefits. If you make more than \$1,040 in a month, though, you won't receive a benefit.

Next year, the regular test will apply. Let's assume you expect to make \$25,000 in 2007 and the earnings-test trigger rises to \$12,900 (it goes up every year). Based on your estimate, Social Security will hold back \$6,050 of your benefits--\$1 for every \$2 that your earnings exceed the \$12,900 ceiling.

And the government will take its pound of flesh up front. If your benefit is supposed to be \$1,400 a month, you won't get *any* Social Security checks until the government has taken its \$6,050. So you won't receive any check for the first four months of the year. Then you will receive a partial check in May, and you'll start receiving your full monthly check of \$1,400 in June.

In the *year* you reach full retirement, a less stringent rule applies: The earnings test claims just \$1 for every \$3 over the limit, instead of the \$1 for every \$2. Starting in the *month* you reach full retirement age, earnings no longer affect benefits.

So why not go for the benefits early anyway? After all, benefits squeezed by the earnings tests are better than no benefits at all, right? Not quite. Remember, if you start taking benefits at

age 62, whether you work or not, your benefits will be permanently reduced by 25% for the rest of your life. Thomas Dalton, a professor of accounting and taxation at the University of San Diego, concludes that retirees who plan to continue working after 62 and who expect to earn enough to reduce their monthly Social Security benefit should defer collecting benefits until at least normal retirement age.

In the June issue of *The CPA Journal*, Dalton offers an example of a 62-year-old man who is entitled to \$2,000 in monthly retirement benefits at 66. By claiming Social Security at 62, his monthly benefit is reduced by 25% to \$1,500.

If this 62-year-old man continues to work and earns \$21,000 a year (based on 2005 figures when the earnings cap was \$12,000), his monthly benefit would be reduced by another 25%. If he lives beyond 76, then waiting until his normal retirement age of 66 would have provided greater cumulative Social Security benefits over his lifetime than if he had taken reduced benefits four years earlier. The Social Security Administration estimates that men who reach the age of 62 on average will live to 80 and women will live to about 83.

CONSIDER INVESTMENT RETURNS

For the Reimers, the decision is not so clear-cut. Neither works, so they don't have to worry about the earnings cap. And with Ron's pension and their savings, the extra money is not critical. Still, they'd like to collect benefits in the most advantageous way.

From a strictly investment perspective, Dalton says a 62-year-old who is not working is better off taking benefits early and using the money for current income needs. That would enable the retiree to reduce withdrawals from tax-deferred retirement-savings. The higher the rate of return on those savings, the more it makes sense to take Social Security benefits early.

For example, if the retiree has \$500,000 in tax-deferred retirement savings earning 8%, Dalton says the retiree will always come out ahead by beginning Social Security at age 62. "The advantage of leaving retirement funds in a tax-deferred account earning 8% far outweighs the loss in Social Security benefits from early retirement," he writes.

Even if the retiree's tax-deferred savings earn just a 5% return, he would still come out ahead up until age 89, Dalton says. If this retiree lived longer, taking benefits at the normal retirement age would have been more advantageous.

"When the husband is deciding when to claim benefits, it is his wife's life expectancy, rather than his own, that is the determining consideration."

DON'T FORGET SURVIVORS

Henry Hebel, author of *J.K. Lasser's Your Winning Retirement Plan* (Wiley, \$21), disagrees with Dalton. Unless you need the cash or expect to die early, Hebel argues you're better off waiting to collect full benefits at your normal retirement age--or even later to collect bigger benefits. (For those who reach normal retirement age in 2008 or later, benefits increase 8% for every year you delay collecting, up until age 70.) You can use the Social Security calculator on Hebel's Web site (www.analyzenow.com) to crunch your own numbers.

Hebel notes that waiting is particularly critical for married couples when a lower-earning spouse will depend on survivor's larger benefits. A surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of what the primary wage earner received in retirement benefits, but only if the surviving spouse waits until normal retirement age before starting to collect.

Hebel's observation goes to the heart of the Reimers' dilemma over the best time for *them* to take benefits. Like many couples of their generation, Ron was the main breadwinner and Monica stayed home to raise their children, returning to work once they were grown. "I have a pension that will be reduced after I die, and actuary data indicates that she should live longer than me," says Ron, a former chemical engineer with DuPont, where he worked for 36 years. "I want to

maximize her income after I'm gone without giving up too much right now."

One decision they need to make is when Monica should take her retirement benefits. She can take her own lower benefits at 62 based on her work record. But if she wants to claim a higher benefit as Ron's spouse, she must wait until Ron begins collecting his Social Security benefits.

But whether Monica goes for the small or the larger retirement benefit, that decision will have no effect on the *survivor* benefit she will receive if she outlives him. The size of the survivor benefit depends on the age that Ron starts collecting his benefits. So if Ron wants to leave more income for Monica after he is gone, he should wait until his normal retirement age or later to collect his benefits. Otherwise, his benefits--as well as Monica's survivor benefits--will be reduced by 25%.

"When the husband is deciding when to claim benefits, it is his wife's life expectancy, rather than his own, that is the determining consideration," says Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, in a research paper.

Couples like the Reimers can hedge their bets by electing early retirement benefits for the lower-earning spouse while the higher-earning spouse delays collecting benefits until normal retirement age. That way, they can get extra cash early while ensuring that the surviving spouse receives the largest possible lifetime survivor benefit, including an annual cost-of-living adjustment. K

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Hennessy Fund Beats Peers by Sticking to 'Dogs of Dow' Strategy

By Matthew Keenan

Sept. 21 (Bloomberg) -- Neil Hennessy, the last remaining mutual-fund manager to follow the so-called Dogs of the Dow strategy, is producing market-beating returns by investing in Merck & Co., AT&T Inc. and General Motors Corp.

The \$104 million Hennessy Total Return Fund owns shares of 10 companies that have been the worst performers on the Dow Jones Industrial Average over 12 months and pay the highest dividends. Hennessy's top "dogs" include drugmaker Merck and long-distance phone company AT&T. Both stocks climbed more than 38 percent in the past year.

"This is boring, but it makes money over time," Hennessy, 50, said in an interview from his office in Novato, California.

His fund gained 18 percent in the past year, its largest advance since 2003, to rank first of 126 large-company value funds tracked by Bloomberg. The Dow climbed 13 percent in the same period, including reinvested dividends, and the average large-cap value fund 4.9 percent.

The dogs approach gained attention after investor Michael O'Higgins published the book "Beating the Dow" in 1991. O'Higgins wrote that investors could make money without doing research by simply buying the worst-performing stocks that pay above-average dividends. At least five money managers, including Los Angeles-based Payden & Rygel, started funds to mimic the idea by the end of the decade.

The strategy started to falter in the late 1990s when Internet and computer-related companies soared in value. After the technology bubble burst in 2000, many investors shifted money to shares of smaller "value" companies, which are cheap relative to financial yardsticks such as earnings.

Abandoning the Dogs

The \$58 million Payden Value Leaders Fund dropped the dogs strategy last November because it was too unpredictable compared with investing in broader groups of value stocks, said Kimberly Tipton, a spokeswoman for Payden & Rygel.

Hennessy's approach "certainly isn't a magic thing that will automatically help you beat the market," said David Kathman, an analyst for Morningstar Inc. The Chicago-based research firm gives the Hennessy fund a two-star rating, its second-lowest ranking.

Hennessy invests 75 percent of his fund's net assets in the 10 highest-yielding Dow stocks and 25 percent in U.S. Treasuries that mature in less than a year. He buys the dogs in equal dollar amounts each month and, in effect, runs 12 mini-portfolios that hold the stocks for a year. Then he sells shares to reallocate the proceeds among the Dow's 10 new dogs.

The fund has a Sharpe ratio of 0.74, less than the 1.24 average for large-company value funds, according to Morningstar. While a higher Sharpe ratio indicates better risk-adjusted performance, the Hennessy fund's ratio is lower than its peers because of its Treasury market investments.

Trailing Small-Caps

The Dow climbed at an average annual rate of 11 percent from 2003 to 2005, half as much as the Russell 2000 Index, a benchmark for small-cap stocks. Dow stocks are now more attractive as investors are seeking stability, Hennessy said. In addition, the dogs strategy is easy to understand and offers less risk in declining markets, he said.

74 "Maybe you don't have the most spectacular returns, but you still have your money," he said. The fund fell a

cumulative 1.6 percent in the 2000-to-2002 bear market while the Dow lost 23 percent of its value.

A former stockbroker, Hennessy is president of Hennessy Advisors Inc., a publicly traded firm that oversees \$2.1 billion in assets. Mostly owned by Hennessy, his wife and officials at the firm, Hennessy Advisors went public in 2002, and its shares have climbed at an average annual rate of 52 percent, easily outperforming his fund.

Basketball Scholarship

Hennessy attended the University of San Diego on a basketball scholarship in 1974, playing guard and later serving as an assistant coach for the school's team, the Toreros. He left San Diego before completing his studies and later persuaded the school to allow him to take three remaining courses, ultimately receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration in 2004.

“I wanted my degree from there,” he said. “And just as with the dogs of the Dow, I was very patient.”

Merck, AT&T and General Motors have buoyed the fund in the past year. Merck, the fourth-largest U.S. drugmaker, is expected by analysts to increase profit this year after four years of declines. The company, based in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, raised its 2006 forecasts twice this year, sending its total return up 36 percent.

San Antonio-based AT&T was created by the merger of SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp. last November. Helped by its Cingular Wireless unit, the largest U.S. telephone company will increase earnings per share by 57 percent this year, analysts estimate. The stock has returned 35 percent in 2006.

Sweet Dividends

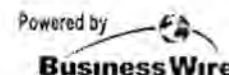
The fund's largest stock holding, Detroit-based General Motors, has jumped 68 percent this year after dropping a total of 58 percent in 2005 and 2004. Rick Wagoner, chief executive officer of the world's largest car maker, is in talks with Carlos Ghosn, head of Renault SA and Nissan Motor Co., about forming a three-way alliance to reverse the company's shrinking market share.

For Hennessy, the companies' dividends sweeten gains and cushion price declines. Merck pays a 3.6 percent dividend yield, AT&T 4.2 percent and GM 3.2 percent. On average, Dow companies pay 2.2 percent.


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Quest Continues Restructuring and Hires Phil Scott as Its CFO

CARLSBAD, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 14, 2006--Quest Oil Corporation (OTCBB:QOIL), www.questoil.com, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Phil Scott, CFA, as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Scott brings an impressive background of success to Quest, specializing in SEC compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and management for distressed companies. As CFO for a number of significant public companies in "turn-around" situations, Mr. Scott has successfully raised interim equity and debt capital, and sold non-performing assets, ultimately yielding significant value to shareholders. In the course of his career, Mr. Scott has been directly responsible for completing \$100M in public company acquisitions. Mr. Scott is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and received a B.A. from the California Institute of Technology and an MBA, summa cum laude, from the University of San Diego.

Mr. Joseph Wallen shall continue to focus on the Company's operations and assume the post of Operations Director, where his responsibilities shall include sourcing new acquisition opportunities and further developing the value of the assets in Texas and neighboring states.

About Quest Oil Corporation

Quest is committed to the exploration and development of economical oil and natural gas reserves. Quest management is focused on an acquisition program targeting high quality and low risk prospects. Quest is focused on the development of North American oil and gas resources, allowing highly leveraged production opportunities in Alberta and Texas, through its 100% owned subsidiaries Quest Canada Corp., Wallstin Petroleum LLC and PetroStar Oil Services Inc.

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At the companies on our list, work isn't a four-letter word. Here's where to find the best pay, perks and people who love their jobs.

SAN DIEGO'S BEST PLACES TO WORK

BY JULIA BEESON

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Through its training services and products, The Ken Blanchard Companies helps CEOs and other leaders create thriving, effective workplaces. And they have taken "practice what you preach" to new heights. The company offers its clients a powerful example of an engaged, productive and happy workforce. Central to the Ken Blanchard formula: education.

Says 13-year Ken Blanchard vet and

western region sales director Mark Manning: "Our company has been working with leaders around the world to tap into the potential and power of their people. I've seen this modeled in our own company in many ways."

Employees can take the same courses that are offered to clients through the company's IntelligenceQuest University, free of charge, and are reimbursed for any job-related training outside the office. The company awards employee scholarships to the Master of Science in Executive Leadership program at the University of San Diego, and employees and family members are eligible to receive a 60 percent tuition reduction when they pursue bachelor's or master's degrees through Grand Canyon University (which can be completed entirely on-line).

Another component integral to the company philosophy is community involvement. In June, Manning was part of a group of 50 Ken Blanchard employees to take part in Homes of Hope, a "changing experience" in which they built homes in Tijuana. "As vans rattled us back across the border, we all realized how blessed we are and what it felt like to commit our energy toward something far more significant than ourselves," he says. "That is the power of working for and with this company; it's demonstrated not only in the halls of our headquarters but in the halls of our clients." In addition, the Blanchard Gives Back program has given nearly \$670,000 to charity.

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TUESDAY, NOV 7 - CONFERENCES

**BURNHAM-MOORES CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE AND URBAN LAND
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*Please note that ULI is handling registrations, but you may call us with questions at (619) 260-7513.

Organization: Burnham Moores Center for Real Estate (USD) **Information:** (619)260-7513 <http://www.USDRealEstate.com> **Cost:** \$155.00 **When:** Hours: 7:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Where:** University of San Diego, Jenny Craig Pavilion, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

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WEDNESDAY, OCT 4 - CLASSES

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Elective course within the "Certificate in Real Estate Finance, Investments and Development" program. Course is designed to provide an overview, as well as exploration of the principles, processes and objectives for effective property management.

Organization: Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate USD **Information:** Kristen Korbacher 619-260-4231 Kristen5@sandiego.edu **Cost:** No Cost **When:** Hours: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Where:** University of San Diego (Manchester Center), Marian Way (off Linda Vista Road), San Diego

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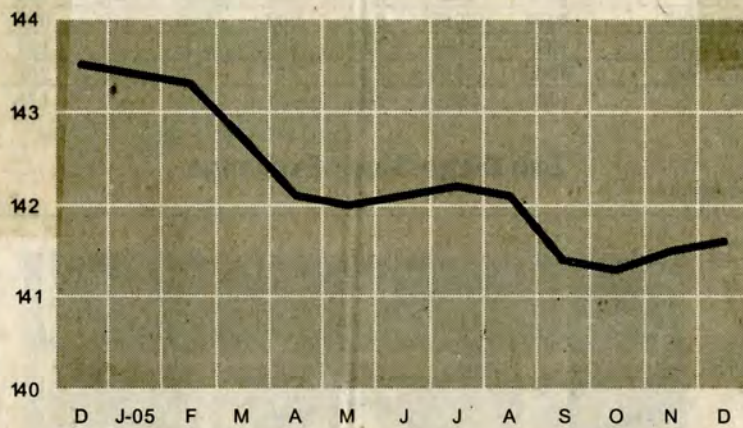
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Leading economic indicators



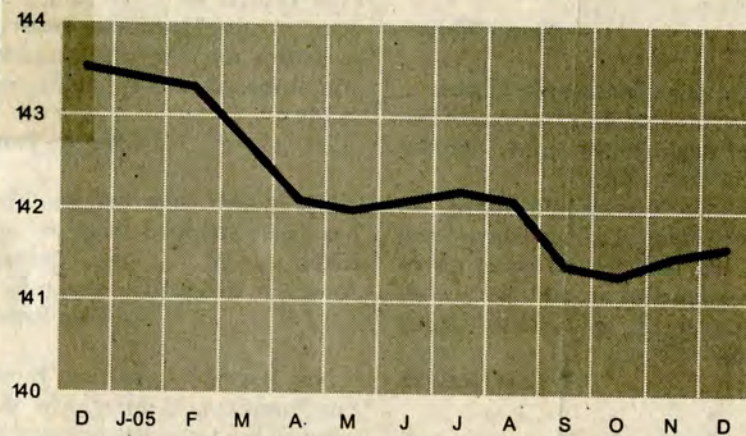
Source: University of San Diego

The monthly changes in leading indicators (initial claims for unemployment insurance, local stock prices, outlook for the national economy, consumer confidence, building permits and home wanted advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Alan Chan, an urban economics professor at the University of San Diego. The highest monthly rate is 143.5 in December 2004.

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Leading economic indicators



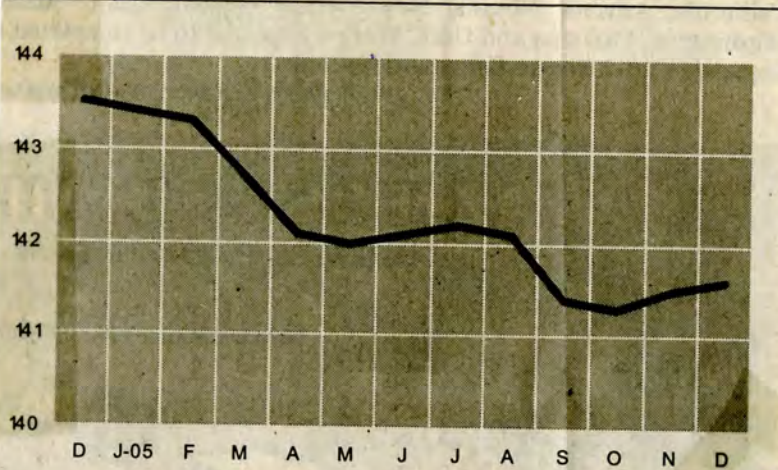
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Institute for Peace & Justice

Ebadi discusses Iran, womens rights

Natalie Zanzug
Editor

Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi opened the academic year at USD with a much anticipated lecture on Sept. 7, stating that feminism is moving to the "doors of traditional families" in Iran.

Ebadi, the first female judge in Iran, boasted that 65 percent of Iranian university students are women. "It will take time, it needs time, but eventually Iranian women will prevail," she told a sold-out audience at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Her lecture, "Iran Awakening: Human Rights and Islam," was delivered as part of the USD School of Law's Jane Ellen Bergman Distinguished Lecture Series in association with the Joan B. Kroc's Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture was trans-



ADENA JANSEN/THE VISTA

Shirin Ebadi spoke at the Jenny Craig Pavilion to a sold-out audience about human rights and the Islamic world.

lated from Persian by Banafsheh Keynoush.

In 1969 Dr. Ebadi became the first woman judge in Iran. She was forced to become a clerk in the same court 10 years

later, following the Islamic Revolution and the ensuing limitations the new government placed on the rights of Iranian women. As an activist for justice and democ-

racy, Ebadi has started three nongovernmental organizations and a private law practice. An estimated 70 percent of Iran's political

prisoners are represented by Ebadi's Defender of Human Rights Center in Tehran.

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Ebadi encourages public to fight against culture, not Islam

Ebadi, continued

"I was born in love with a concept I later came to realize was justice," Ebadi said during an afternoon discussion with law students and graduate students from the Peace and Justice masters program.

Because of her work, Dr. Ebadi is wanted for arrest and faces serious threats to shut down her operations by the Iranian government. "Because of the activities we're involved with, we're not liked so much by the Iranian government," Ebadi said.

Ebadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her democracy and human rights work. In her acceptance speech, Ebadi said that the "discriminatory plight of women in Islamic states, ... whether in the sphere of civil law or in the realm of social, political and cultural justice, has its roots in the patriarchal and male-dominated culture, not Islam."

"We must fight against this wrongful culture, not Islam," Ebadi insisted in her lecture at USD. Ebadi expressed her hope for Western society to understand that Islam is open to interpretation just as Christianity is.

Ebadi credits her father, also a lawyer, for her self-confidence and firm belief in gender equality. Her opinionated lecture mirrored exactly her work for human rights and democracy. She addressed a wide range of topics, including free elections, public executions, government censorship and drug abuse.

"In my first few years as a university student, I didn't like getting advice from anyone," she said. "So please don't take what I say as advice, but rather as a sharing of hearts and an opening of minds."

The lecture followed the May publication of her memoir "Iran Awakening: A Memoir of Hope and Revolution," copies of which are available in the bookstore.

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Deseret Morning News, Tuesday, September 05, 2006

Pursuing peace: Vital topic is subject of minor programs at U. and UVSC

By Laura Hancock

Deseret Morning News

OREM — Since Ben Rankin, 31, returned to school for a second bachelor's degree, he has found himself more reflective about the world around him.

"I think even a shallow, cursory glance around the world right now shows that peace and justice are in shockingly short supply," he said. "Conflict is everywhere."

Rankin, a senior in philosophy at Utah Valley State College, has decided to take a minor in peace and justice studies.

"I think it's important to really look at and think about these issues and study them and try to come up with new and effective ways to engage both in your local communities and communities far from you to try to find a way to create more peace and justice," Rankin said.

The academic study of peace is gaining popularity in Utah, with two schools now offering minors.



Deseret Morning News photo illustration

At the University of Utah, the 3-year-old minor is in peace and conflict studies. UVSC's minor in peace and justice studies started this fall.

Both programs are interdisciplinary. Students can take courses in academic areas such as philosophy, history, sociology, communication.

Peace studies programs in the United States date back to 1948 at Indiana University and Manchester College.

Public and religious schools have increasingly added peace studies programs since then. For instance, peace studies at the University of Notre Dame and University of San Diego were established in 1986 and 2001 by Joan Kroc, the widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc.

In Utah, the new minors are likely a byproduct of the Iraq war.

"I think all of these things tend to run around wars," said former Salt Lake Mayor Ted Wilson, now director of the new Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy at the U. "I think earlier back in the '70s, (similar programs were) a result of

the Vietnam conflict."

The U.'s minor is part of the Tanner Center, which also will feature speakers and coordinate internships for students interested in the work of peace. The center will design community programs, such as one for elementary and secondary teachers to use in the classroom.

"If people are well-fed and there's civil rights and women have rights and so forth and so on, people have less reason to be violent," Wilson said.

But the minors are not only for peaceniks.

George Cheney, director of peace and conflict studies at the U., said he's interested in including discussion about the ethics of war.

In 2004, debate over the invitation of Michael Moore, who opposed the Iraq invasion, to speak on the UVSC campus highlighted the divides in Utah County.

Many community members were offended that the public school brought a speaker who they said was against their values. Yet the peace and justice minor at UVSC will feature military science topics, said William Cobb, dean of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

"It will be truly nonpartisan," he said.

The minors can enhance students' professional aspirations.

Greg Lucero, also a senior in philosophy at UVSC, wants a minor in peace and justice because he is considering a career in social activism and law. He also is considering philosophy teaching and writing.

People think "peace and justice is kind of a dichotomy, an either/or," he said. "(But) it seems that peace and justice dovetails nicely."

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Escondido, Encinitas peacemakers honored

By: QUINN EASTMAN - Staff Writer

ESCONDIDO ---- For promoting communication between young and old at a Salvation Army program for at-risk youth, an Escondido resident will be honored Saturday as a "peacemaker."

Longtime Escondido community volunteer Mel Takahara is expected to receive a Gandhi Nonviolence Award from the Tariq Khamisa Foundation.



Mel Takahara dishes out chicken and corn chowder soup Tuesday at the Salvation Army's Get Together Young and Old Program in Escondido.

J. KAT WORONOWICZ For the North County Times
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The Community Resource Center in Encinitas and its social service manager, [Cathy Riddle](#), are also being honored, along with seven other individuals in the San Diego region.

The annual awards, given at a reception Saturday at the [University of San Diego's](#) Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, recognize those involved in the fight against youth violence and are in their eighth year.

The foundation is named after Tariq Khamisa, a 20-year-old pizza deliveryman who was shot and killed during a robbery in San Diego in 1995. Gang member Tony Hicks, then 14, was convicted of the killing and is serving a 25-year-to-life sentence for the crime.

Khamisa's father, Azim Khamisa, and Hicks' grandfather, Ples Felix, established the foundation, which is dedicated to "breaking the cycle" of youth violence.

Takahara, a retired county probation officer, is also known in North County for organizing a classical music competition for youth and leading a recent remodel of First Night Escondido, the city's family oriented New Year's Eve celebration.

His award specifically recognizes the Crossroads after-school program, which brings together high school students fulfilling required community service, college-age AmeriCorps workers and seniors from the Salvation Army's Silvercrest residence in Escondido.

Takahara retooled Crossroads to include the seniors this spring and could be a model for other Salvation Army community centers elsewhere, he said.

Some of the youth participating in Crossroads said they began their community service under court order as a condition of probation but then continued because they found it a valuable experience.

"It's a good place to be, because they give you a chance to start again," said Mike Rocco, who said he had been expelled from Escondido High and now attends a county Juvenile Court school.

The Crossroads program, meeting several times per week, brings together participants for a meal and activities such as art, help with homework, computer tutorials or self-defense instruction and stretching with a tae kwon do expert.

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Having open communication between teens and seniors can be a challenge. At Crossroads this week, Takahara worked to spark conversation between groups sitting at different tables in the Salvation Army's multipurpose room.

He first had everyone rate how they're doing, from one to 10, and wrote the results on a marker board. He then asked participants to talk about a basic shared value, in this case: faith.

"It's something deep within yourself that makes you persevere and brings out the best in you," said Larry Arbisi, in his 80s.

Young Mario Velazquez offered that "it's tragic when you lose faith in a person, because you have lost that trust."

Takahara urged the group to remember family members whose trust they may take for granted.

Afterwards Mario described the group's efforts to cheer and bond with a Silvercrest resident whose son had run into trouble with drugs.

Frances Schlosser, who worked as a speech pathologist in Ohio and California before coming to Silvercrest, said that she found open communication between young and old to be difficult.

Some of the young men who come to the program seem "beaten by the world," she said, and are "afraid to let on what they don't know."

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2006 San Diego Peacemakers

- Business ---- Chuck Lowery, Pacific Bakery
- Community Leader (Individual) ---- Dr. Jeffrey Rowe and Sgt. Mark Foreman
- Community Leader (Organization) ---- Community Resource Center
- Education ---- Charlaine Carter, "Pathways to College"
- Faith Community ---- Mel Takahara, New Life Presbyterian
- Community Communications ---- Nazareth Simmons, Los Able Minded Poets
- Youth (Boy) ---- Alejandro Villa, 18
- Youth (Girl) ---- Carolina Bracamonte, 16

For more information about the recipients, go to www.tkf.org

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PEACEMAKERS — Two North County residents are among eight individuals and organizations dedicated to combating youth violence in San Diego County who will be honored by the Tariq Khamisa Foundation with the "Gandhi Nonviolence Award" on Saturday at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. **Caity Riddle** will be recognized for her work with the Encinitas-based Community Resource Center's Voices Against Violence program, which engages young men and women as student organizers and activists speaking to peers about ending teen dating violence. **Melvin Takahara**, an ordained ruling elder and pastoral counselor for more than 20 years with New Life Presbyterian Church in Escondido, will be honored for his role in creating Crossroads, a program of intergenerational engagement between at-risk youth, elders of the Salvation Army's Silvercrest residence and community volunteers.

RICHLAND HELP — Richland Elementary School in San Marcos needs volunteer readers to help students. Training begins tomorrow. Call **Kay Willer** at (760) 290-2400, Ext. 3405.

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Eight nonviolence awards announced by foundation

By David E. Graham
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

September 15, 2006

Eight county residents and organizations working to stop violence committed by young people will receive the annual Gandhi Nonviolence Award by the Tariq Khamisa Foundation.

The nonprofit foundation is dedicated to eradicating youth violence through education. It was founded by the father of San Diego State University student Tariq Khamisa, who was killed by a teenage boy in 1995 while delivering pizza.

The 2006 recipients are:

Chuck Lowery, owner of Pacific Bakery, who has given money to organizations that promote peace.

Dr. Jeffrey Rowe, supervising psychiatrist for the county's Children's Mental Health Services, and San Diego police Sgt. Mark Foreman, who created a seminar about exposure to violence.

The Community Resource Center of Encinitas, which operates an emergency shelter and transitional housing for women and children and provides counseling.

Charlaine Carter, president of the Pathways to College organization, which helps students with information about getting into college.

Melvin Takahara, a pastoral counselor at New Life Presbyterian Church in Escondido, who has created Crossroads, in which old and young work against violence.

Nazareth Simmons, leader of Los Able Minded Poets, in which young adults recite their original poetry.

Alejandro Villa, 17, of Chula Vista, a graduate of Barrio Logan College Institute, who created bilingual programs that urge people to be involved with community issues.

Carolina Bracamonte, 16, a Hoover High School senior who became chairwoman of the KPBS Teen Advisory Board for the Peer Educators Conference on Teen Relationship Violence.

The awards will be given tomorrow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. The teenagers also will receive a \$500 check to help pay for college.

For more information, visit www.tkf.org.

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LAURELS FOR LOWERY

— Over the weekend, Oceanside business **Chuck Lowery** received the prestigious Gandhi Peace Award presented by the Tariq Khamsi Foundation for his leadership skills in civic affairs at the University of San Diego. The ceremony was attended by **Arun Gandhi**, grandson of **Mahatma Gandhi**.

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Serbia: Svetlana Kijevcanin will present "Forging New Paths to Conflict Transformation in Serbia and the Former Yugoslavia," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of San Diego, 9998 Alcalá Park. Kijevcanin has worked for CARE International.
Information: (619) 260-7509; peace.sandiego.edu.

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"Forging New Paths to Conflict Transformation in Serbia and the Former Yugoslavia" is subject when Svetlana Kijevcanin speaks for Women Peacemakers event, Thursday, September 28, 12:30 p.m. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)



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book, *Nuclear Power is not the Answer*. Free.
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LECTURES

"Iran Awakening: Human Rights, Women, and Islam" is topic when 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate, Iranian lawyer, and human rights activist Shirin Ebadi speaks on Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m. in Jenny Craig Pavilion at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free event expected to "sell out, so pick up tickets early." 619-260-7550. (LINDA VISTA)

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Discussion: Ronald Bee, director of the Charles Hostler Institute on World Affairs at San Diego State University, will discuss his recent book, "Seven Minutes to Midnight: Nuclear Weapons after 9/11," at 7 p.m. in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theater at the University of San Diego. Cost: free. Information: (619) 260-7509; peace.sandiego.edu



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USD School of Law talk

Scalia: Constitution an unchanging rock designed to provide stability

By DOUG SHERWIN
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia scoffs at the notion of a "living constitution," the idea that the 200-plus-year-old document is constantly evolving.

"The constitution is an unchanging rock to which the society is moored," he told a University of San Diego audience Wednesday night. "That is the purpose of the constitution — to provide stability, not to be a mechanism for change. The mechanism for change is the ballot box."

Scalia is in town to launch the USD School of Law's new Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism, which is the act of interpreting the U.S. Constitution on the basis of what it meant when it was written.

The second-most senior associate justice, Scalia is one of only two originalists on the high court, along with Clarence Thomas, and perhaps its most visible proponent.

He is disappointed the idea of an ever-changing constitution has become a fashionable theory in law schools and courtrooms. Other countries have adopted this philosophy as well, he said, with the Canadian Supreme Court describing its constitution as a "living tree," and the European court of human rights deciding the code it

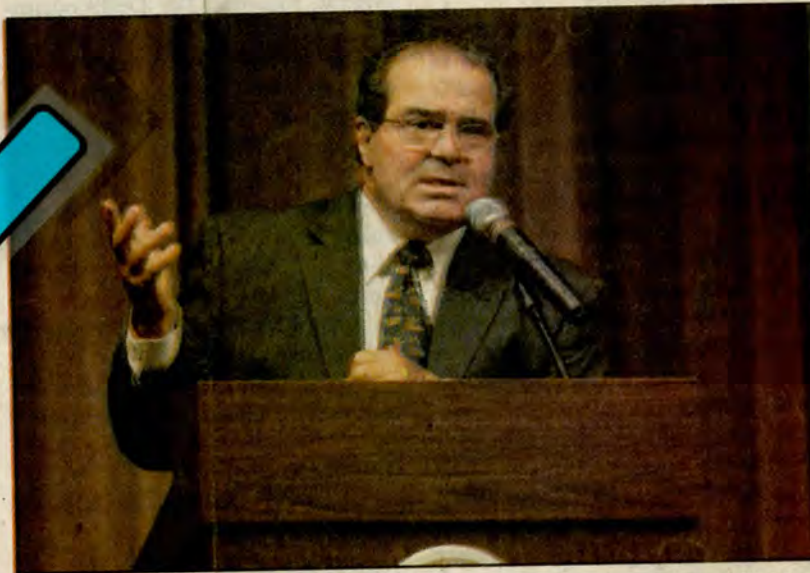


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Justice Antonin Scalia, a Constitutional originalist, said the founding fathers did not believe each succeeding generation would automatically be better than the one before.

enforces morphs from age to age.

Scalia said the living constitution argument is expressed in opinions regarding the Eighth Amendment — the cruel and unusual clause. These opinions state the definition of cruel and unusual punishment changes from age to age "to comport with the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society," Scalia recited.

He said the founding fathers did not believe each succeeding generation would automatically be better than the one before.

"They were afraid that some

future generations would not be as wise or would not be as virtuous," Scalia said. "They were afraid that civilization would sometimes mature but sometimes rot, and that's why they adopted the rigid requirements of the bill of rights. You will not go below this level."

According to Scalia, non-originalists claim the constitution has to grow and develop with the society that it governs or else it will become brittle and static.

"It's a legal document and like

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most legal documents it says some things and it doesn't say other things, and it doesn't change over time," he said.

He said that the best way to create rights is not through a different interpretation of the constitution but by passing a law. A noted conservative, Scalia said originalism is not a matter of political affiliation or social views.

His adherence to the original meaning of the constitution has caused him to vote for some traditionally liberal views, like making it unconstitutional to ban the burning of the American flag.

In a funny anecdote, Scalia

recalled the morning following that particularly hard decision. He came downstairs to breakfast to hear his wife humming the song "It's a Grand Old Flag."

Scalia said supporting an evolving constitution in the belief it will lead to more freedoms is erroneous.

"It'll lead to whatever the current society wants," including more restrictive laws, he said.

Critics charge that Scalia and his fellow originalists aren't historians and can't possibly understand the meaning behind the centuries-old document.

"I don't have to show that originalism is perfect," he said. "It

doesn't readily give you all the answers. It just happens to be better than anything else."

He also calls it the "only game in town."

"How are you going to determine when it evolves, how it evolves? Are you going to take public opinion polls?" Scalia asked rhetorically. "What you're going to use is simply the guts of the individual justices. You're essentially telling the justices and judges, 'We have an evolving constitution and it is up to you because you went to law school and wear a black robe. It is up to you to tell us what the constitution means today.'"

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Power line gambles on the sun

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A San Diego utility's campaign to obtain permission from a state agency to build a 150-mile power line across the backcountry of San Diego and Imperial counties hinges in large part on a huge gamble, project opponents and energy analysts say.

The gamble is that a Phoenix company's plans for a massive solar power plant in the Southern California desert, unlike anything the world has seen up to this point, will be successful.

It seems no one doubts the potential of the blazing Imperial Valley sun to someday light homes and power air conditioners in San Diego County and southern Orange County ---- the service territory of San Diego Gas & Electric Co. ---- more than 100 miles away.

But there is considerable doubt about Phoenix-based Stirling Energy Systems' ability to deliver on its promise to complete a 300-megawatt power plant by the middle of 2010 ---- when SDG&E hopes to begin moving electricity toward the coast along its \$1.3 billion Sunrise Powerlink transmission line.

The problem is, Stirling is trying to do something that no one's done before.

The nation's only large-scale solar plant, a 354-megawatt generator built in the 1980s at Kramer Junction in the Mojave Desert near Barstow employs a different technology. And the technology Stirling proposes has been employed only at the U.S. Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

There is an enormous difference in scale between the New Mexico project and what Stirling is planning.

In New Mexico, there are a half-dozen experimental solar dishes. In the Southern California desert, Stirling wants to build 12,000 of them in the first of three project phases, and ultimately 36,000 dishes that would collectively generate 900 megawatts. A megawatt is the standard yardstick for measuring electricity and generally is what it takes to power 750 to 1,000 homes.

"That's a huge leap," said Herb Hayden, solar technology coordinator for Phoenix-based Arizona Public Service Co., Arizona's largest electric utility, which, like SDG&E, is hoping to capitalize on a large-scale solar plant in that state one day. He has studied solar plants for 15 years.

"Even if they are successful, which is possible, I can't see how they could move that quickly without creating a lot of problems that they would have to solve along the way," Hayden said.

It is not so much a question of whether thousands of Stirling-style solar dishes would generate power, h Rather the question is whether those thousands could operate for long periods without breaking down and requiring intensive repairs, and could become a profitable venture.

The crown jewel

The problem is that Stirling is blazing a trail in a very competitive power generation industry, said Scott Anders, research administrative director for the Energy Policy Initiatives Center at the University of San Diego.

"There's not much of a track record here to look at," Anders said.

A top Stirling official, however, sought to alleviate concerns in a telephone interview from Phoenix last week.

"I think we've got an awful lot of traction and there is a high probability that this plant will be built," said Robert B. Liden, Stirling's executive vice president. "I don't think we're being naive about it. We're building our whole business around our high confidence level that this technology will in fact work."

The Stirling project is often mentioned in conjunction with the Sunrise transmission line proposal, and it was the subject of extensive discussion by power-line supporters and opponents alike at a Ramona hearing earlier this month.

"We are not hanging our hat exclusively on that particular strategy," Stephanie Donovan, a spokeswoman for SDG&E in San Diego, said of the solar plant. "However, it is the crown jewel of our plan to bring renewable energy to San Diego. It is going to be the largest solar project in the United States, if not the world, when it is built out."

SDG&E is proposing to string 500-kilovolt wires from towers as tall as 160 feet along a route that would meander north and west for 150 miles, from El Centro through Warner Springs, Ramona and Rancho Penasquitos to an existing electrical substation in Carmel Valley.

The wires would create what opponents have called an unwelcome metallic skyline for rural residents and some urban dwellers, though there are plans to bury sections in the San Diego Country Estates and Rancho Penasquitos.

The Powerlink project would deliver 1,000 megawatts of electricity, roughly one-fourth of what the utility's consumers use on the hottest of summer days. The utility maintains the extra power is needed to shore up a forecasted regional shortfall early next decade.

The utility also says the line is needed to open a way for tapping nonfossil-fuel power plants in the works in Imperial County, including Stirling's project. SDG&E and other major California utilities face a state mandate of obtaining a fifth of their power from such so-called renewable sources by 2017.

Concentrating the sun's heat

Project opponents do not dispute the need for more electricity and a reduced dependency on fossil fuels. But they say there are less expensive, less environmentally destructive ways to plug the electricity gaps. And opponents say there is plenty of opportunity to build plants within San Diego County that are powered by solar, wind or other nontraditional energy sources.

The Stirling project's initial phase does not depend on the larger, Sunrise transmission line being in place, Liden said. That's because Stirling plans to build an eight-to-10-mile-long, 230-kilovolt line to connect its plant with the Imperial Valley Substation near El Centro.

He said the firm plans to deliver the plant's initial 300 megawatts over the existing Southwest Powerlink transmission line that runs from El Centro to San Diego along Interstate 8.

Liden said construction on the initial phase is scheduled to get under way by fall 2008 and wrap up by the end of 2010.

However, phases two and three, expected to add 300 megawatts apiece and be completed by late 2012 and late 2014 respectively, will require a new line for delivery to the San Diego County market, he said.

Liden said each phase is expected to cost \$500 million. The plant is to be built on 5 acres of mostly federal Bureau of Land Management property and partly private land, about 10 miles north of El Centro.

Stirling isn't stopping there. The Phoenix firm has signed a contract to build, by 2012, a 500-megawatt solar plant east of Barstow for Southern California Edison, which supplies electricity to several counties, including Riverside.

Before Stirling builds either, it intends to fire up a 1-megawatt demonstration plant with 40 solar dishes near Barstow by late spring 2007 to test whether its model is ready for prime time, Liden said.

The dishes employ a technology adapted from an engine the Rev. Robert Stirling patented in Scotland nearly two centuries ago.

Each 38-foot-diameter solar dish is built around 82 rectangular, slightly curved mirror facets that focus the sun's energy onto an engine, heating an array of small steel tubes filled with hydrogen, Liden said.

"So you get this huge concentrating of solar heat," Liden said, saying the heated, expanding gas pushes pistons up and

down to generate electricity.

Kicking the tires

However, one of the biggest headaches, said Hayden, is the tendency for engine seals to leak hydrogen. Such leaks can damage equipment and put them out of commission, he said.

Liden countered that experimental use has shown that seals require replacing about once every 21 months, he said.

And if one of the dishes were to break down, he said, it would turn off automatically. Because each dish operates independently, the rest of the plant would continue operating.

"Like Christmas tree lights, if one breaks, that light goes out, but the rest of the tree is still lit," Liden said.

Technology aside, Liden said Stirling has secured top-of-the-line steel, glass and construction companies to build the Imperial Valley plant and has attracted deep-pocketed investors. He said the steel contractor is Phoenix-based Schuff Steel, which helped build the new Arizona Cardinals stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

Whatever the case, Sunrise opponents remain skeptical about the solar project, which was announced this time last year.

"We've had a year to kick the tires on Stirling, and the tires don't appear to be solid at all," said Bill Powers, a San Diego engineer and activist who opposes Sunrise Powerlink.

"I believe that I am looking at a bait and switch," Powers said.

By that Powers said he meant SDG&E was using the solar plant to increase chances the California Public Utilities Commission will give it the green light to build Sunrise, when it issues a decision in late 2007. Powers suggests SDG&E is positioning itself to bring in power from other places, such as parent company Sempra Energy's natural-gas-fueled power plant in Mexicali, if the Stirling project collapses. SDG&E has repeatedly denied that assertion.

"I wish as much as anyone that Stirling was real," he said. "It is the right thing to do to fill that (power) line with renewable energy. But they're not going to do it."

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Shoppers in Windy City Unhappy to See Icon Go

By P.J. Huffstutter
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CHICAGO — Every month for 70 years, Josephine M. Stern and her girlfriends treated themselves to a trip to Marshall Field's on State Street.

They came here to celebrate birthdays, picking up slim green boxes of Frango mints wrapped in silk ribbons. Weddings called for a stop at the silver department for an antique cake-serving set. Every Christmas, they cheerfully joined the mad rush to hunt down a new tree ornament.

"My friends are gone and, as of Saturday, so is our store," said Stern, who lives on Chicago's North Side.

At 102, she's not going to switch stores now. "I have a lifetime spent here, and all I will have left are the memories."

This weekend, Marshall Field's — as much a temple to consumerism as a beloved Windy City icon — will fade away when the store's new owners officially turn it into a Macy's.

The change has infuriated generations of loyal shoppers, some of whom are organizing a rally Saturday and plan to march around the State Street store in protest.

The fight began last year, when parent company Federated Department Stores Inc. announced it would roll all of the Marshall Field's stores under the Macy's brand as part of its buyout of May Department Stores Co. Federated is erasing signature store names across the country.

But those changes haven't generated the level of angst among shoppers that the demise of Marshall Field's has. Nearly 60,000 people signed an online petition, begging Macy's and Federated to keep the Field's name. After all, they pointed out, this is no ho-hum retailer.

With its ornate Tiffany mosaic ceiling and legendary customer service — where the mantra was "Nothing is impossible at Marshall Field's" — the company helped usher in the era of shopping as a grand experience. It was a place where, in the words of Marshall Field himself, the staff should "give the lady what she wants."

Marshall Field's was one of the first department stores to offer revolving credit to shoppers, which helped families rebuild after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Amelia Earhart signed books here, back when it was the world's largest bookseller. Norman Rockwell came to the heart of Chicago's

downtown to capture the store's massive outdoor bronze clock on canvas — a painting later used on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post.

But the pleas didn't sway Federated, whose officials pointed out that the Field family hadn't owned stock in the department store company since the 1960s.

"I've tried talking to people, to ask them to just give us a chance," said Frank J. Guzzetta, chairman and chief executive of Macy's North, the Minneapolis-based division that operates Marshall Field's and other retail outlets in the Upper Midwest. "The people are open to listening. But there's still a hard-core group out there that's saying, 'You can't take my Marshall Field's.' "

In recent months, customers have been sending company executives with angry letters; some shredded their Macy's store credit cards and mailed back the plastic bits.

Gail Heriot, a University of San Diego law professor who spent a couple of college summers working at the flagship location in downtown Chicago, printed and mailed thousands of stickers that read "Keep it Marshall Field's" to friends, family members and strangers who had heard about them. Last month, she flew here to wage a one-woman protest by handing out stickers.

"It's been a part of Chicago for so long, everyone has their own story about their family going to Marshall Field's," said Heriot, 48. "It's one of those things that identifies us as being a Midwesterner."

The company's roots date to 1852 when merchant Potter Palmer opened a dry goods store on Lake Street. At its peak in 2001, Fields had 64 stores in eight states.

The demise of the Marshall Field's brand is the latest in a string of endings among the city's revered symbols. The Berghoff restaurant, known for obtaining the city's first post-Prohibition liquor license, closed up shop last year. So did City News Service, a scrappy outlet where author Kurt Vonnegut once worked.

Ironically, the closures have come at a time when downtown Chicago is booming.

Part of what rankles locals is the use of the Macy's name, a New York label that fuels an old rivalry, said Peter Alter, curator of the Chicago History Museum.

"We've struggled with being labeled the Second City, and therefore being second-class to New York, for decades," Alter said. "This is a store that survived the department store wars and outlasted other shops started by Chicago-based entrepreneurs, such as the Boston Store and Mandel Bros. Now a New York brand comes and quashes a Chicago brand? That does not sit well out here."

On Thursday, the Marshall Field's faithful turned out to pay homage and indulge in a final shopping spree. On the seventh floor, a crowd of customers stood impatiently in line at the Walnut Room, eager to slip into the restaurant's leather seats and dine on open-faced turkey sandwiches and chicken potpies.

Nearby, shoppers snatched up anything with the traditional Field's logo and green packaging. Coffee mugs. Bottles of liqueur. Fuzzy teddy bears holding tiny boxes of Frango mints. Purses covered with Field's old-time newspaper ads.

One arm loaded down with purses and stuffed toys, Michael J. Steinkellner pulled out a disposable camera and snapped a few pictures of his favorite store spots, including a framed series of black-and-white photographs of women shopping here in the 1920s.

He'd already stopped by last week and spent \$1,000 on Field's goodies to give relatives this Christmas. Thursday's visit, he said, was to grab a few last things and say goodbye.

"As a kid, I came here every year to see Santa. I even played Santa here seven or eight years ago," said Steinkellner, 67, a longtime Chicago resident. "To me, this is the end of an era. So I wanted to try to keep the Field's tradition alive for my family — at least through this Christmas."

Scanning the quickly emptying shelves, Steinkellner spotted something that made him gape. There, on a wall next to a table filled with Marshall Field's cookbooks, was a Macy's electronic bar-code reader — so customers can check the price of an item for themselves.

"I never thought I'd see the day," Steinkellner said with a grimace. "So much for customer service. After today, I'll never come back."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT POP CULTURE

Blogger on board with Dixie Chicks

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Does Junichi Semitsu have the greatest summer job in the history of summer jobs? Point, click, discuss.

In the real world, Semitsu is a professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. But in this parallel universe into which he has somehow stumbled, Semitsu is the designated blogger for the Dixie Chicks.

Armed with a laptop and an all-access tour pass, Semitsu, 32, is spending his summer on the road with Natalie Maines, Martie Maguire and Emily Robison, documenting All Things Dixie Chick. He is one of the music industry's first embedded bloggers, assigned to be everywhere and write whatever about this lightning rod of a group.

And we do mean whatever: In one of his earliest posts at spaces.msn.com/3dixiechicks, Semitsu -- who is a fan but by no means a sycophant -- wrote about some of the pseudonyms the Chicks have used at hotels, a common if rarely discussed practice in the celebrity strata. This summer, he posted this: "Emily showed up to the concert in London sloppy drunk. She was so inebriated she couldn't speak, much less sing. Natalie and Martie, in a panic, yelled, 'You're drunk again?' "

But in the very next sentence he revealed that it all was just one of Robison's "anxiety dreams."

Semitsu also has joked about the Chicks' undergarments in between blogging about rehearsals, exclusive parties and the Texas trio's reaction to a 60 Minutes profile that aired on the eve of the release of the new album Taking the Long Way. His posts are cleared by the Chicks' camp, but Semitsu insists he has free rein.

"I was told to just go and write anything I feel like writing about," he says. "It's an experiment, and hopefully, I won't single-handedly ruin their careers. No pressure."

Plenty of musicians have their own blogs, and online tour diaries have become de rigueur. "I can't even name all the bands doing it, there are so many," says Antony Bruno, digital/mobile editor at Billboard

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magazine. "But I haven't heard of an individual artist bringing a blogger on board to do it for them."

Of course, few best-selling artists have had to work around the sort of major promotional obstacles that have threatened to trip up the Chicks, whose new album has been largely ignored by many country radio stations.

Not that the frosty reaction has been a major surprise, given that *Taking the Long Way* has more in common with the breezy California pop-rock of the 1970s than contemporary Nashville. Then there's the tremendous backlash against the Chicks that began in 2003, when Maines told British concertgoers, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

Anticipating the cold shoulder, the Dixie Chicks and their label, Columbia Records, partnered with MSN on a Web site whose featured attraction is the blog, which is updated regularly though not daily. Semitsu isn't on the Chicks' payroll -- MSN is paying.

Taking the Long Way hasn't exactly flopped; the album entered the Billboard Top 200 at No. 1 and sold nearly 1 million copies in just three weeks, but ticket sales for the band's U.S. tour reportedly have been disappointing. [The Chicks canceled their few announced Florida dates.]

Semitsu is a newlywed, a onetime poet, sometime musician and blogging hobbyist who grew up in California's Central Valley.

He owns a few country CDs, including most of the Dixie Chicks' catalog, but had never written anything about the band on his politics and pop-culture blog, Poplicks.com. He has no journalism training, having majored in economics and minored in ethnic studies at University of California Berkeley before going to law school. He was an attorney, briefly. Now, he's teaching first-year law-school students about researching and writing.

When he was first contacted by MSN, he thought he was such a long shot that he could barely be bothered to put together his writing samples. "I figured every single blog was contacted, and I just happened to make the top thousand list."

When Semitsu first met the Chicks, he says, the musicians told him they didn't want him to come across like their fan-club president or a member of their marketing team. "They said, 'Want you to be honest. Feel free to criticize us and make fun of us.' "

While he has poked gentle fun at them, he suggests it's unlikely that he'll be dropping the hammer on the band any time soon.

"It would," he says, "be awkward to be in a room and constantly traveling with people when you're writing bad stuff about them."

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Study counts foster care deaths

Advocacy group says about 50 abused or neglected children died after state took them away from their parents

By Clea Benson
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SACRAMENTO - Almost 50 abused or neglected California children died last year in foster care after the state took them away from their parents for their own protection, according to child advocates who started counting because the state does not keep track.

The tally by the Children's Advocacy Institute is the first measurement of how many of California's most vulnerable children die while under the state's guardianship.

The institute, based at the University of San Diego School of Law, also found that more than 60 children in foster care died in 2004. California has about 75,000 foster children, one-fourth of the nation's foster-care population.

Some of the children died accidentally or of natural causes. But others were neglected or abused by caregivers. The causes of death were not included in the study.

The death count includes children such as Dylan James George, 2, whose foster parents have been charged with fatally beating him in their Fremont home in 2004. Anthony Cortez, 15, was choked to death by another child in a Stockton group home in 2003. Four-month-old Christopher Battie died of sudden infant death syndrome in a Fresno foster home in 2003.

Data comparing the death rate for children in foster care to the death rate for children overall were not available because the state has not compiled updated mortality statistics for the general population.

The California Department of Social Services collects data on how many children in foster care statewide are injured, but not on how many die.

Advocates said a failure to monitor deaths in foster care could hamper efforts to improve the system. The state failed a federal review three years ago in part because children were not being kept safe enough after being removed from their homes.

"It just makes common sense that the state should be tracking and aware of how and when their children are dying, and if there's anything they can do to stop that," said Christina Riehl, an attorney at the Children's Advocacy Institute.

Riehl said the institute started its count after a state law went into effect requiring counties to release the name and date of death of each child who dies while in foster care. The group compiled the data by submitting requests to each of California's 58 counties.

Mary Ault, California's deputy director of children and family services, said the state reviews individual death reports and has monitored fatality trends through the Child Death Review Council.

"I believe the more facts we have, the more information we have, the better we're able to manage for better outcomes," Ault said.

The review council, composed of representatives from different state agencies, looks at records of all child deaths in the state and issues periodic reports. But there is a lag time of several years before each report is released, and the council does not specify how many of the children who died were in foster care.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services determined last year that the state was violating federal law by failing to publicly disclose information about deaths and near-deaths of children due to abuse or neglect.

Threatened with the loss of federal child-welfare funds, the state this summer started requiring counties to file reports on such incidents. The reports are supposed to be filed on all children, not just those in foster care.

Ault said the state would be able to use those reports as a tool for improving the system.

So far, one report has been filed. It describes the drowning death of a 2-year-old girl found in a hot tub in Orange County in July.

The report said Orange County social workers had investigated several reports that the girl's parents had neglected her and had placed her with her grandparents for several months while both parents were incarcerated. When the girl died, she was back in her parents' custody.

Meanwhile, the state is continuing efforts to reduce the number of children in foster care, which has dropped since a high of 100,000 in 2000.

In a couple of weeks, the Bush administration will begin allowing California to spend federal foster-care funds on programs that aim to keep children at home with their parents.

The rate at which California removes children from their homes is close to the nationwide average, said Richard Wexler, director of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform. But Wexler believes the rate should still be lower.

"What you have in foster care is a system where, of course, the majority of foster parents want to do the best that they can for the children in their care," Wexler said. "But the abusive minority is significant, and there are a number of foster children abusing each other. The system is overloaded with children who don't need to be there."

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11 to oversee hospital bond spending

\$247 million to pay for new facilities

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LA MESA – Eleven East County residents were selected Friday for a committee that will oversee expenditures of a \$247 million bond for new facilities at Sharp Grossmont Hospital.

The committee members were chosen by the Grossmont Healthcare District board, which oversees the La Mesa hospital.

Money from the bond, approved by voters in June, will be used to upgrade the hospital, add 90 beds to the emergency room and critical care center, and bring the facility up to seismic standards expected to go into effect in 2013.

Fourteen people applied for spots on the oversight committee. The committee was originally supposed to have nine members, but the board decided to add two more seats after reviewing the applications.

Members were selected to represent backgrounds in construction project management, public finance, medicine, labor and a taxpayers' organization. The committee will meet every other month for the first two years after its formation.

Those selected for the committee are: La Mesa City Councilman Ernie Ewin; Patrick Donnelly, a contracting officer; James Schmidt, a retired banker and attorney; James Johnson, president of San Diego's On Wheels; and Michael Peddecord, a professor emeritus of health services administration at San Diego State University.

Other members are: Peter Hanson, an orthopedic surgeon at the hospital; Joseph Powell, business manager of Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 206; Walter Heiser, a University of San Diego law professor and member of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association; Ellen Arcadi, a member of La Mesa's Commission on Aging; George Hawkins, president of Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego; and Andrew Knutson, branch manager of a financial services office in La Mesa.

Ewin was chosen as the interim chairman. Two other applicants, Michael Emerson, an optician, and Robert Klaiber, a member of the hospital auxiliary, will serve as alternates in case the committee loses a member.

One applicant was not chosen because he lives outside the district, which encompasses more than 750 square miles in East County.

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Bills restrict realty trade

Two measures on the governor's desk would make it tougher to get a real estate license.

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Efforts to toughen requirements for getting a real estate license landed this week on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's desk, but the governor has yet to say whether he'll sign the measures or veto them. He has until Sept. 30 to decide.

Supporters say the two measures are needed to increase the knowledge and professionalism of agents at a time when people are flooding into the profession.

But one opponent argued that the bills are industry attempts to stifle competition.

The legislation comes as the number of real estate agents and brokers in the state has soared to about 511,000 licensees, up by 150,000 in three years, according to the **California Department of Real Estate**.

That's equal to about one agent for every 52 adults in California, or one agent for every 1.2 homes sold in the state last year.


One bill seeks to eliminate "conditional" licenses for new sales agents.

Currently, new agents can get a conditional license as soon as they pass a test and enroll in the first of three required real estate courses. They have up to 18 months after that to complete the three courses. The first bill requires that they finish all three courses first.

The second measure would eliminate a provision allowing people with bachelor's degrees to get a broker's license without first spending two years working for another broker.

Currently, the two-year experience requirement can be waived if the applicant has a bachelor's degree.

The **California Association of Realtors** is pushing for adoption of both bills.

Author Tim Leslie, ~~San Francisco~~  City, has said his broker bill is needed because of inadequate supervision and unprofessional conduct caused by the enormous number of people drawn to the profession.

Robert Fellmeth, executive director of the **Center for Public Interest Law** in San Diego, opposes both bills, but believes new restrictions on broker licenses are particularly bad.

"The brokers are behind this for obvious reasons. They want a captive labor market," Fellmeth

said. "It's an effort to maintain artificially high commissions and prices, and it's an attempt to raise barriers to entry."



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Prop. 87 Backers Sue Foes' Group

By Marc Lifsher
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SACRAMENTO — It's lawsuit time again in the battle over Proposition 87, the environmental initiative that would slap a \$400-million-a-year tax on oil production in California.

Californians for Clean Energy, the group backing Proposition 87, on Thursday sued opponent group Californians Against Higher Taxes in Sacramento County Superior Court. The complaint claims that the oil companies that have poured \$35 million into television and print advertisements are violating campaign disclosure laws.

But the opponent group denies it. Spokesman Bill George called the lawsuit a diversion.

"It is very clear who is in our coalition," George said.

The suit alleges that the group's disclosures in its print and television advertisements create the false impression that it is financed by a broad coalition, including educators and public-safety officials.

It argues that the campaign group did not comply with a requirement to explicitly identify its two top contributors — Chevron Corp. and Aera Energy. Aera is a joint venture of Exxon Mobile Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell.

The lawsuit seems to have merit, says Robert Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego. The opponents of Proposition 87 "are really trying to hide as much as possible" that their financial backing is from oil companies, he said.

The lawsuit is the latest round of litigation surrounding the proposed tax, which would fund research and development of alternative fuels for vehicles.

Last month, Californians Against Higher Taxes sued Californians for Clean Energy, accusing the group of illegally redirecting Internet searches for information about opposing views to a Yes on 87 website.

The Yes on 87 campaign has raised \$22 million, the bulk from Hollywood producer Steve Bing, to pay for its own TV ad blitz.

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11th-Hour Bills Receive Little Scrutiny

In the hectic final hours of the legislative session, lawmakers may introduce significant changes. Watchdog groups don't have time to counter them.

By Evan Halper
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SACRAMENTO — As it lumbered for months through the legislative process, there was no indication that the innocuous proposal to reshape the state's tourism board would be a boon to the rental car industry.

Then, in the waning days of the session that ended Thursday, amid a flurry of last-minute action on dozens of major issues, Assemblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) made a change to his bill that has consumer advocates fuming.

Legalized price fixing, they call it: The 11th-hour amendments would ease certain restrictions on the industry, which watchdog groups say would invite a coordinated rate hike by car renters. The plan was rushed through a committee literally under cover of darkness at a late-night hearing before being passed the next day by the full Assembly with less than three minutes of debate.

"This is so typical of what happens at the last minute," said Robert Fellmeth, executive director of the San Diego-based Center for Public Interest Law. "All sorts of horrible things go sweeping through."

Normally, drafting laws involves several public hearings strung out over many months. But near the end of the session, dozens of "jam jobs" emerge — bills that, by design, are dashed through the Legislature so quickly that even their authors may not know what's hidden in them. Often, they involve goodies for various interest groups.

The ploy doesn't always work; some jam jobs fall short. This year, that category included a plan to give Boeing Corp. an exclusive tax break and a proposal to remove safeguards to protect taxpayers against unscrupulous and incompetent computer contractors.

But along with Leno's bill, many other jam jobs prevailed. One would provide new fees for automobile dealers to pocket. Another is a campaign finance measure that experts say would create personal slush funds for lawmakers.

Campaign finance experts have no doubt that lawmakers knew exactly what they were doing when, at midnight Wednesday, they resuscitated a measure that appeared to have been left for dead months ago.

Legislative leaders suddenly fast-tracked the measure, skipping committee votes on SB 145 by Kevin Murray (D-Culver City). The bill would lift the ban on sitting officeholders' accepting contributions when they are no longer running for reelection or for another seat. The money raised could be used for such things as meals and travel.

It was a classic move, one that didn't give public interest groups "time to get all riled up and get people to oppose it," said Robert Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles. "This bill allows them to create personal slush funds."

Derek Cressman, executive director of TheRestofUs.org, a Sacramento group that monitors campaign finance, called the measure "exactly the wrong thing to do."

Supporters of the bill, including legislative leaders from both parties, say they need such funds for traveling to events and for paying the lawyers who file their campaign finance reports. Although the last public hearing for the measure was more than a year ago, they say state regulators were consulted on all the changes made since then.

The measure, said Richard Stapler, spokesman for Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez (D-Los Angeles), updates obsolete rules that "complicate an elected official's ability to carry out all of their officeholder activities."

And Leno defends his car rental bill, saying it will invigorate efforts to promote tourism in California. The controversial amendments, he says, merely alter advertising rules.

The bill, AB 2592, would allow companies to omit a 10% airport concession fee from their basic advertised rates. Leno noted that Consumer's Union took a neutral position on the measure.

Fellmeth, a former prosecutor who tried price-fixing cases, said the rule change would allow rental companies to deceive consumers by keeping their basic rates the same even though customers would have to pay the airport fee as an add-on.

Auto dealers also scored a win this week. Lawmakers rushed through a bill that would allow them to raise the "document preparation fee" they charge car buyers by \$10, to \$55.

The proposal seemed to come out of nowhere. Its author, Sen. Tom Torlakson (D-Antioch), stripped all the contents out of a bill that until a week ago dealt with air quality issues, replacing them with the fee hike.

That time-honored legislative maneuver, known as a "gut and amend," allowed Torlakson to go forward with a measure in the heat of the Legislature's last few days that would otherwise have to have been introduced months ago. The bill passed.

A bid by Murray of Culver City to help a political ally was not so successful. A newsletter read widely in the Capitol exposed Murray's last-minute attempt to aid the career of William Burke, husband of Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

Murray last week tacked an amendment onto a bill that would have allowed William Burke to continue as chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Burke has already served two consecutive terms and is required to step down.

Days after Capitol Weekly publicized the amendment, it was eliminated.

Also failing was a last-minute bid by a coalition of computer firms to ease the state's contracting rules. Their proposal would have removed a requirement that any computer company hired for a major state technology project take out a bond that could be used to reimburse taxpayers if the contractor failed to get the job done.

"Why do we need to do this in a jam job at the end of session?" asked Sen. Debra Bowen (D-Marina del Rey).

One of the bill's lead authors, Assemblyman Jerome Horton (D-Inglewood), said on the floor of the Assembly on Wednesday that he had had nothing to do with the proposal and even chuckled at the apparent brazenness of it.

His staff later corrected him. His office, they said, was indeed involved, even though the bill had been crafted by a colleague, Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Newark).

On Thursday, when it was clear the bill would not advance, Horton explained in an interview that he had merely wanted to enable more minority-owned companies to bid for state technology contracts. If the bill had made it to a floor vote, Horton said, "I wouldn't vote for it."

It stripped away too much protection for taxpayers, he said.

Asked how his name wound up on a bill he didn't support, Horton chalked it up to the end-of-session bustle.

"It's the nature of the rush," he said.

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Rushed bills

The standard process for drafting laws involves several public hearings strung out over many months. "Jam jobs" are rushed through the process at the end of the legislative session. This year's included:

SB 44: Would allow car dealers to hike the fees they charge for document preparation.

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AB 2592: Would allow car rental companies to advertise prices that do not include airport concession fees consumers must pay.

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Corporate Gifts Help Governor Fund Bill-Signing Ceremonies

His use of private money saves tax dollars, but critics say it lets him circumvent campaign finance rules.

By Peter Nicholas and Dan Morain

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SACRAMENTO — A tax-exempt group set up to create jobs is being used by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to bankroll a pair of splashy bill-signing events designed to attract publicity as he runs for reelection.

Unlike contributions to Schwarzenegger's campaign account, donations to the nonprofit are not subject to caps or disclosure requirements.

Schwarzenegger this week staged carefully choreographed ceremonies against the picturesque backdrops of Malibu and San Francisco Bay's Treasure Island, signing legislation to curb emissions that contribute to global warming.

The events were meant to showcase the governor's environmental credentials at a time when he wants to maximize his appeal to independent voters.

Part of the cost is being picked up by the Commission for Jobs and Economic Growth, a nonprofit panel that Schwarzenegger launched in 2004 to lure business to California. The commission is planning to raise about \$25,000 to help pay for the events, according to executive director Mark Mosher.

Among the commission's donors are major California companies with business before the state, including PG&E and Southern California Edison.

Watchdog groups said that ~~when~~ the governor takes official actions, taxpayers should foot the bill — not companies with business in Sacramento.

"In my judgment, it ~~violates~~ the spirit of the Political Reform Act for him to privatize a gubernatorial function," said Robert Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego, referring to the 1974 law promoting ethics in government.

PG&E spokeswoman Jann Taber said the company donated \$100,000 to the governor's nonprofit group in March. Although a Schwarzenegger aide raised the subject of an additional contribution to help cover bill-signing costs, the company has not given more, she said.

Another company official, explaining PG&E's support for the new law, said the company already

has relatively clean emissions and is committed to reducing global warming.

Both PG&E and Southern California Edison maintain an active lobbying presence in Sacramento and are regulated by the state Public Utilities Commission. A majority of the PUC's five commissioners have been appointed by Schwarzenegger.

Asked why the governor is using private money to underwrite public functions, the governor's press secretary, Margita Thompson, said: "We've always done everything we can to minimize the cost to taxpayers."

She added that the bill signings amounted to a "historic event" that called for more than routine treatment.

Mosher said his group is paying part of the tab "because we have a number of companies that have expressed interest in environmental technology as a growth area for the economy."

He said the jobs commission is a "nonpartisan, completely nonpolitical organization."

More than a year ago, Mosher told The Times that the jobs commission had raised about \$1 million in contributions. He has not responded to repeated Times requests for an updated amount.

In addition to using money from the jobs panel, the governor will also pay for the bill signings with campaign funds and donations from environmental groups, Thompson said.

Taxpayer money will pay the travel expenses of gubernatorial aides who attended the ceremonies. Thompson did not provide an estimate of the total cost, saying the bills are still coming in.

Aides to Schwarzenegger's Democratic challenger, state Treasurer Phil Angelides, sharply criticized the governor's use of corporate money that is not publicly disclosed.

"These are nothing but campaign events," said Angelides strategist Bill Carrick, "and he is funding them with ... donations that are secret."

At both bill-signing ceremonies, the stagecraft was elaborate.

In San Francisco, 141 flags flapped in the wind while British Prime Minister Tony Blair praised the governor on an enormous video screen set up at the end of a large stage. During the Malibu event, Schwarzenegger appeared in front of a backdrop of flags while, off to the side, Richard Branson, head of Virgin Group, appeared via a video screen.

In Malibu, Schwarzenegger praised PG&E and other companies for supporting the global warming bill, calling them "farsighted."

Another supporter of the legislation, Waste Management Inc., the trash collection and recycling company, was asked to give money for the events recently.

"We got a very preliminary call but no details," said R. Kent Stoddard, the company executive who oversees governmental affairs in Sacramento. The company has not made a donation, though a Waste Management executive attended the Malibu event.

Schwarzenegger has set some limits on who may contribute to his campaigns, but the jobs panel

operates by different rules.

For example, Schwarzenegger aides once refused to accept direct campaign contributions from PG&E, hoping to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest as the governor crafted a state energy policy. But there were no such restrictions for the jobs commission.

From its inception, the jobs panel has been used by Schwarzenegger to pay for some of his showy events.

The group once arranged for Schwarzenegger to help move a 14-employee company from Nevada to California in an 18-wheel truck with the name "Arnold's Moving Co." stenciled on the side. It also underwrote a national billboard campaign promoting California that made Schwarzenegger its centerpiece.

Like Schwarzenegger, former Gov. Gray Davis used nonprofit corporations to defray costs of travel and events. But he never raised money from private donors to pay for bill signings, his former press secretary said.

"Our committee was used for travel, receptions and protocol events, not for bill signings," said Steve Maviglio, now spokesman for Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles), author of the global warming bill.

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Plan aims to settle diet pill lawsuits

Metabolife deal would affect 257 ephedra claims

By Penni Crabtree
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After more than a year of wrangling, stakeholders in Metabolife International's bankruptcy have agreed to settle the majority of personal-injury lawsuits related to the company's banned ephedra diet pill for \$56 million.

Although details have yet to be worked out, creditors and shareholders said in a court filing yesterday that they reached agreement on the most vexing issue in the case: the amount it will take to settle 257 separate ephedra claims not covered by the San Diego company's insurers.

An additional 90 personal injury lawsuits, which are still being mediated, are covered by insurers, according to court documents. Metabolife had traditional insurance through March 2001.

The proposed settlement, pooled from money contributed by the company, its three owners and retailers who sold Metabolife's ephedra products, comes as the various parties in the bankruptcy face a pair of deadlines next week imposed by separate judges.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John Hargrove of San Diego had threatened to convert Metabolife's Chapter 11 bankruptcy into a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, while a federal judge in New York had threatened to lift a stay on personal injury lawsuits against Metabolife's three shareholders and retailers, who are named as co-defendants in many of the lawsuits.

In disclosing the proposed settlement in yesterday's court filing, the Metabolife stakeholders asked Hargrove for an additional 30 days to prepare and sign a "complete settlement agreement." Hargrove had scheduled a hearing on the threatened bankruptcy conversion for Oct. 4.

Estimates vary widely on how much money Metabolife, its insurers and the retailers who carried Metabolife 356 were potentially on the hook for with injured claimants.

According to bankruptcy attorneys for Metabolife, now known as MII Liquidation Inc., the company faced personal-injury claims of more than \$1 billion.

The company's three shareholders, Michael Ellis, Michael Blevins and William Robert Bradley, estimated in court filings that the lawsuits could be settled for about \$22 million. That figure was derived from the average \$62,000 the company paid out in 182 lawsuits settled before the Metabolife bankruptcy.

Bob Fellmeth, director of USD's Center for Public Interest Law, said the proposed settlement boils down to "you take what you can get."

"Given the number of lawsuits and the scale, it's not a big settlement," Fellmeth said. "On the other hand, you can't get blood out of a stone."

Metabolife, once the nation's leading producer of ephedra products, made its three owners wealthy. But critics maintain the company misrepresented science and used its political clout to fend off attempts by state and federal regulators to regulate ephedra.

As the number of injuries and deaths linked to the herbal stimulant mounted, Metabolife's reputation and sales took a pasting. In 2004, the federal government banned all ephedra supplements, including Metabolife's top-selling Metabolife 356.

Faced with falling revenue, hundreds of lawsuits and investigations by the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service, the company filed for bankruptcy protection in June 2005.

Last week, Metabolife co-founder Bradley, who pleaded guilty last year to tax evasion, was sentenced to six months in federal prison, followed by two years of supervised release. In addition, Bradley paid the IRS more than \$6 million in back taxes, penalties and interest.

Another Metabolife co-founder, Ellis, faces federal charges that he lied to drug regulators about the safety of Metabolife 356, as well as weapons charges. Michael Blevins, the third Metabolife co-founder, last year pleaded guilty to weapons charges and is awaiting sentencing; he and Ellis were convicted of federal methamphetamine charges in 1991 and as a result can't own firearms.

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Big Sept. 11 Contingency Fee Highlights Percentage Recovery Problems

By Robert C. Fellmeth

New York attorney Tom Troiano received a fee of one-third of the \$6.7 million obtained by his client from the 9/11 Victim Compensation Commission. He argued that his advocacy helped to increase the amount from an initial offer of \$1.1 million. The special master for the fund was outraged, noting that no court litigation was required and the commission's guidelines dictated a ceiling of 5 percent for such fees.

Is Troiano's fee properly set by a private attorney fee percentage agreement between him and his client? Is the one-third contingency fee in many such agreements properly enforceable? Does it reflect a long-standing cultural price fix at a percentage often unrelated to costs or risk or other normal market price factors? Is it a nonadhesive figure agreed to by the client with competitive choices?

What about cases that involve no likely litigation, little time and an assured substantial recovery — the only question is the amount? Should such fees be set at a static sum (for example, \$50,000) plus a percentage of the overage beyond the presumptive award already at play? What if the client is, in fact, sophisticated and believes the percentage agreed to will redound to his advantage in attorney attention and results?

Fee percentages create many problems. Perhaps the seminal area of abuse is in the class-action area, where federal courts (and state courts, increasingly) allow a percentage of a common fund as a fee for counsel. One purpose behind allowing such common-fund calculation of fees is that the fund beneficiaries properly pay for the legal costs bringing all of them financial reward. The theoretical assessment of the class representatives who mechanically retain counsel for all such fees on an hourly or any other basis is inequitable. Rather, the costs and fees should be spread across the entire range of those receiving a benefit.

But problems appear in practice. First, the contingency fee is negotiated with a class representative who often has a personal relationship with counsel or the firm and who is hardly likely to try to lower high contingency percentages for counsel, given the quite trivial financial implications for him or her one way or the other. And a review of some class counsel fee practices adds geometrically to the concern: common funds allegedly created that take the form of coupons or public relations benefits to the defendant and little actual gain for the class. The result in too many cases has been fees at levels that vastly exceed actual pay-out to class members.

California recognizes another mechanism for fee determination in contingency cases. If adjusted correctly, it can address the alleged Troiano and the well-documented class-action common-fund abuses. It is the private attorney general lodestar method authorized by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5. It allows fees to an attorney who vindicates rights well beyond those of his client (whether pecuniary or not), where private enforcement was necessary and its burden makes the award appropriate, and where it does not come from the recovery.

Recovery here does not depend on a fee-shifting statute, nor does it depend on a common fund or any financial result (although such a gain may in theory be relevant). Further, an attorney also may receive a multiplier of that lodestar number based on the factors enumerated in *Serrano v. Priest*, 20 Cal.3d 25 (1977), including "(1) the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved and the skill displayed in presenting them, (2) the extent to which the nature of the litigation precluded other employment by the attorneys, (3) the contingent nature of the fee award, (4) the fact of taxpayer liability for the award, (5) receipt of public and charitable funding to bring such suits [and] (6) the fact that the monies awarded would inure not to the individual

benefit of the attorneys involved but the organizations by which they are employed."

Two regrettable trends have coalesced in the attorney-fee world. First, the federal courts have rejected any notion of private attorney general fees. *Alyeska Pipeline v. Wilderness Society*, 421 U.S. 240 (1975). At the same time, the federal jurisdiction and the states increasingly have supported common-fund percentage awards.

The exclusion of lodestar and the growth of common fund have worked two public policy injustices, operating in both directions: lack of fees and fees too high. Any federal case that does not have a fee-shifting statute and does not produce a large fund receives no award. Hence, where the court sits in equity and is asked to vindicate a statutory or constitutional right, unless the fee shift of 42 U.S.C. Section 1988 applies (for vindication of certain civil rights), no fee may well be available, whatever the import of the case or the public benefit conferred. And even if a statutory fee shift is available, no multiplier will be paid, regardless of the risk taken by counsel or the momentous public gain that results.

The result is a distortion of the judiciary. Instead of a branch welcoming to its offices the abuses of the other branches for check, such access is effectively limited. And in many such cases, large amounts of money may well be involved beyond rights and just enforcement of the law — albeit not in the form of a collected common fund.

Serrano compelled billions of dollars in benefits for impoverished schoolchildren, in ending a system of school finance that shortchanged kids based on the property-asset value of their parents. But it created no direct fund for allocation by the court.

Meanwhile, where monies are collected in a beneficial fund, at-



torneys may collect a percentage of that fund unrelated to their actual hours, work or risk. The distortion to our legal system from such a scheme of attorney compensation is predictable and has occurred. We have inadequate challenges to state and private power abuses where money is not involved, and excessive litigation against deep pockets with excessive fees and little actual public benefit in too many cases.

In the interesting case of *Leolao v. Beneficial California*, 82 Cal.App.4th 19 (2000), Justice Anthony Kline discussed at length the history and background of the lodestar versus common-fund methods of attorney compensation. He noted the trend in favor of the common-fund percentage method of compensation. He favored it, noting the federal 3rd Circuit's study of the systems and the unfortunate incentive plain-

tiffs' counsel have under a lodestar system to churn cases to earn hours for a higher award.

Kline's point seems to be that California cases also can move to the common-fund format over the lodestar method because the multiplier available under lodestar could be viewed as simply a way of reaching the extra amount often produced by a percentage of a common fund.

But the usually sage justice's theory is flawed on three counts. First, the churning of cases is far more often generated on the defense side, as every plaintiff attorney in the state will attest. And assigning a percentage award to plaintiffs' counsel means he or she will get the same whether the case goes 50 hours of time or 5,000 hours of time. To be sure, plaintiffs' counsel will be economical in a

common-fund format. But it takes two to tango, and defense counsel are almost always paid by the hour (or are on salary if a public agency). They know that delaying the case will not impose greater attorney-fee liability for their client because it is related only to the fund amount. So what is their incentive?

Second, the shift does not address the inequity in awarding fees unrelated to hours, effort, risk or other factors properly considered. Third, the shift leaves out the one mechanism that compensates in any amount for the vindication of human rights not amenable to fund accretion.

There are two routes to reconcile these problems. One option might be to refine the common-fund doctrine to vary multiplier percentages based on elements analogous to the 1021.5 and *Serrano* multipliers. To

some extent, this may happen in a court review of a common-fund fee percentage to be assessed. But these awards have been wildly inconsistent, have not always moderated attorney profiteering and are intrinsically too unconnected to the actual hours and cost of counsel's work. And this method leaves unremedied the void in representation where lives and rights, but not the collection of monies, are at stake.

The better option is to shift away from Kline's predilection into the opposite camp: Do not move toward common fund, but refine and extend the lodestar method. We should be applying it in federal court, and if that takes a federal statute, that should be on our agenda. And it can be applied in class actions and all cases that create funds. We just augment the multiplier based on criteria that make sense, including a substantial enhancement where plaintiffs' counsel cooperatively work to settle a case without adding to hours. That professionalism does limit his or her hours and fee, so increase the multiplier for that reason. Although not on the *Serrano* multiplier factor list, we can add it in. Give that attorney a 5 multiplier, or even higher if he or she meets all or most of the other factors. Currently, the attorney may well get an excessive 50 multiplier, and indeed some counsel are collecting 1,000 multipliers because of insufficient correlation to time and effort.

If Troiano completed 200 hours of work (and from his description it is hard to imagine much more than this) and at the same time upped what may have been \$1 million to \$6 million for his client, give him \$80,000 as a lodestar and then a multiplier of 5 for a \$400,000 fee. Should he receive more than \$2 million unrelated to his work, to his risk, and based on a percentage figure that (let us be honest) is as objectionable a horizontal price fix formula as the standard 6 percent real estate broker's commission?

The current system works injustices in both directions. It gives nothing for important legal work in the interest of the class or the public, and it gives too much, excessively based on the hours collected. A balanced approach rewards more and moderates costs.

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In search of resolution

In rare move, court turns to two chairmen to settle wireless patent disputes

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A U.S. magistrate has ordered the chairmen of Qualcomm and Broadcom to sit down and try to settle an increasingly acrimonious legal battle over wireless patents.

Qualcomm's Irwin Jacobs and Broadcom's Henry Samueli must appear in court on Oct. 4 in San Diego to discuss their differences. The two companies have 10 lawsuits against each other.

U.S. Magistrate Anthony J. Battaglia said a "global resolution" was the best way to deal with the numerous disputes. He added that "it is clear that until the key principals meet with the court to discuss their ultimate objectives, and needs, settlement is not likely to occur."

Eleanor Swift, a law professor at Boalt Hall at the University of California Berkeley, said that while judge-ordered settlement talks are common, they rarely include the top executives.

"That's pretty heavy duty," she said. "The judge is sending a message that this deserves the attention of the very top people."

The two companies have been wrangling with each other as Irvine-based Broadcom, a maker of chips for cable modems and set-top boxes, seeks to make wireless phone chips that would compete directly with Qualcomm.

Each side has alleged patent infringement, and Broadcom filed an antitrust suit last year against Qualcomm. On Aug. 31, a judge dismissed the antitrust case, saying Broadcom couldn't prove it claims of monopolistic behavior. Broadcom has said it will continue to pursue its antitrust claims.

As for a possible settlement, legal experts and analysts aren't optimistic. Michael Cohen, director of research for Pacific American Securities, said a conference with the judge isn't going to quickly resolve the dispute.

"There is such a gulf between the parties that a global settlement is less than likely in the near term," he said.

That acrimony was evident as the two sides commented on the case.

"It's appropriate for the judge to approach the issues globally," Qualcomm spokeswoman Christine Trimble said. Broadcom has "a long history of theft" of Qualcomm's trade secrets, she added.

Broadcom spokesman David Rosmann said in an e-mail, "Qualcomm's false and credible accusations are unlikely to promote a constructive atmosphere for the



Getty Images
 Henry Samueli co-founded Broadcom in 1991 and has helped guide its growth to \$2.7 billion in annual revenue.

University of San Diego law professor David McGowan said that all judges try to get parties to settle but that resolution isn't always possible.

"You can understand why he is," McGowan said, "but don't hold your breath."

The key issue is patent positioning in next-generation wireless technology, called wideband code division multiple access, or W-CDMA, that cell phone makers increasingly using in their products. Qualcomm has long maintained that it has key patents for which wireless chip companies and cell phone makers must pay.

"It's all about not having to pay as much in royalties," Cohen said.

Qualcomm has seen its royalties payments soar, tripling in the past five years. As demand for next-generation phones continues to grow, Qualcomm expects those rates to increase. For this year, the company estimated it would collect royalties on about 290 wireless phones worldwide, up from 210 phones in 2005.

Broadcom is hardly the only company that has taken issue with Qualcomm's patent position in W-CDMA. Nokia and Qualcomm are also squabbling over patent issues and six companies, including Nokia and Broadcom, have complained to European regulators over what they called the company's anti-competitive practices.

"It's the entire industry of that W-CDMA ecosystem that thinks Qualcomm is overly aggressive in their monetary compensation," Cohen said, adding "Qualcomm thinks the rates they charge are reasonable and are unwilling to bend."

Jacobs and Samueli founded and help build their respective companies into technology giants, making themselves billionaires in the process. Qualcomm, a San Diego wireless technology company, had revenue of \$5.67 billion in the last fiscal year.

The Irvine-based Broadcom last year recorded chip sales of \$2.67 billion, including those used in TV set-top boxes and wireless headsets.



File photo
Irwin Jacobs has been Qualcomm's chairman since starting the company with other founders in 1985.

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9th Circuit: Laptops May Be Subject To Customs Inspections After Overseas Trips By Steve Seidenberg
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With a conviction for online child exploitation, Stuart Romm is hardly a sympathetic advocate for computer privacy.

Still, what happened to Romm when he crossed the border into the United States worries some legal experts. The laptop computer that he carried with him was intensively searched by customs officials. On July 24, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the search was legal.

In U.S. v. Romm, No. 04-10648, the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit ruled that customs officials can seize and search the contents of anyone's laptop computer, even in the absence of a search warrant or probable cause.

Some attorneys say the ruling goes too far, invading the privacy of anyone who crosses into the States. And the ruling may pose special problems for attorneys who need to keep client information confidential when they go on business trips overseas.

"What's dangerous about this opinion is that it pushes the line for searches along the border very far toward one end of the constitutional spectrum," says Shaun Martin, a professor at the University of San Diego School of Law. "It is one thing to turn on your computer in the airport to make sure it is not a bomb. It is another thing for customs officials to turn on your computer and to read everything you ever wrote and to look at everything you ever downloaded."

When Romm flew into Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Feb. 2, 2004, he went through U.S. customs knowing that he recently had used his laptop to find and view child pornography that was posted on the Internet, according to the 9th Circuit opinion. This violated the terms of his probation in Florida, where he had pleaded nolo contendere to charges of promoting sexual performance by a child and child exploitation by means of computer. So Romm deleted the contents of his browser's cache, thinking this would erase the evidence of his wrongdoing.

He was mistaken. His actions had merely deleted the pointers to the cached files-the files themselves remained on the laptop. Using special software, customs officials were able to find 42 images of child pornography on the laptop's hard drive. These images were subsequently used to convict Romm of knowingly receiving and possessing child pornography in violation of federal law. Romm appealed, but the 9th Circuit upheld the border search and the conviction.

The court noted that the usual Fourth Amendment standards don't apply to border searches of people. "The government may conduct routine searches of persons entering the United States without probable cause, reasonable suspicion, or a warrant," the court stated, citing the U.S. Supreme Court's 1985 ruling in *United States v. Montoya de Hernandez*, 473 U.S. 531.

The 9th Circuit declined to rule on whether searching the contents of a laptop is routine because the issue wasn't raised in Romm's appeal. The Supreme Court has indicated, however, in *United States v. Flores-Montano*, 541 U.S. 149 (2004), that "border searches of belongings are always routine, so long as the belongings aren't hurt," says Angelo Paparelli, an immigration law attorney who practices in New York City and Irvine, Calif.

Additionally, the 4th Circuit, based in Richmond, Va., has explicitly found that searching the contents of a laptop computer is categorically a routine border search. *United States v. Ickes*, 393 F.3d 501 (2005).

The Ickes and Romm rulings may encourage the government to peer more often into the contents of travelers' laptops, according to Martin. "Up to now, the government has rarely been that aggressive in conducting these sort of in-depth searches [of laptops]," Martin says. "The danger is that now that you have

fairly clear judicial approval, it will become much more prevalent."

Such searches could put attorneys in a bind. They could find themselves coming back from international business trips with privileged information in their laptops and being confronted by a customs official who demands to examine the laptop's data.

An attorney in such a situation has a duty to protect the confidentiality of information relating to representing a client, notes William Dunn, a Detroit attorney who chairs the ABA's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. But protecting the information may not be as easy as simply asserting that the laptop can't be inspected because it contains privileged information. "It won't fly for attorneys to tell customs agents how to do their job," Martin says.

Technological protections won't do much good, either. It's possible to password-protect a computer and encrypt its files, but that might provoke an unpleasant response from customs officials. "The danger is that they will keep you in the airport or keep your computer until they can access those files," Martin says.

The best practice may be to keep sensitive information off the laptop entirely. Yet even if the client data resides on a law firm's servers, and a traveling attorney merely uses a laptop to connect to the servers via a virtual private network, there may be trouble. For instance, the laptop will create temporary files of any Word documents that are opened. These temporary files will be on the hard drive, and they might be recoverable through forensic examination.

Even worse, the customs official might simply demand the attorney provide the password to the law firm's VPN.

Paparelli is aware of at least one instance in which a customs agent asked for an e-mail password so the officer could examine the individual's e-mail correspondence. "Imagine if that were the password of a company employee, and it led the agent into a corporate network database," he says.

Perhaps the only way to guarantee protection for confidential data is to leave your laptop at home and connect to your data via a computer that stays overseas. "People should not carry laptops across borders if they don't want their laptops inspected by the government," Paparelli says.

San Diego's Pension Crisis

A monitor could help steer S.D. fiscal ship

Sanders to seek support for plan

By Jennifer Vigil
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

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San Diegans drawn in by the city's long-running pension saga have had numerous opportunities to broaden their knowledge of financial and legal terms.

They have learned about actuaries, specialists who project long-term obligations, and auditors, specialized accountants who double-check a company's books.

Now there's a new title, independent monitor, a role that is likely to be the first visible result of a \$45 million effort to correct years of financial improprieties at City Hall.

The appointment of an independent monitor usually signifies that something has gone terribly wrong, and San Diego, in the midst of federal investigations into possible corruption and securities fraud, is no different.

The word monitor – referring to a person named by a judge or regulator to observe and report on reforms – may be most closely associated with corporate scandals, but scores of government agencies have been forced to turn to them to ensure compliance with court orders and settlements.

In San Diego's case, hiring a monitor was one of dozens of recommendations in the city's recent \$20.3 million investigative report, which Mayor Jerry Sanders embraced last month. He will seek the City Council's support for his plan at a special meeting at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Although Sanders refused to call the remedial measures punishment, one observer said a monitor is just that – a sign of distrust in the ability of San Diego officials to correct their pension and bond disclosure practices without strict supervision.

"This is a person who is going to be the super whistle-blower," said Glen Sparrow, a professor emeritus in public administration at San Diego State University. "If this person says, 'Just a minute; you aren't doing it right,' we're going to listen. It's a tremendous amount of power."

The proposed changes have drawn fire from City Attorney Michael Aguirre, who countered with a lengthy proposal of his own, in which he would serve as the city's monitor.

If Sanders' remedial steps are accepted, the monitor will work for the city for at least three years. That person would be selected by the mayor and council, but also must be approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, one of the agencies probing the city's finances.

Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit whose blog tracks white-collar crimes, described monitors as "the thin blue line in assuring compliance" with mandated changes.

Monitors alone, however, cannot make that happen. Their influence flows from the government agency backing them, said Keith T. Darcy, executive director of the Ethics and Compliance Officer Association in Massachusetts.

"Monitors come in in a very powerful capacity, representing prosecutors and regulators with the authority of a higher power, typically the federal government," Darcy said. "They mean business."

Carl Cohn, superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District, served as a monitor in Los Angeles for two years, overseeing the handling of special-education programs in that city's school system.

Conveying the idea of independence to his sometimes-reluctant subjects became so crucial that Cohn can quote the dictionary citation – "not influenced or controlled by others" – from memory.

"I think the people cooperated and were well-intentioned, but I think often they had a definition of independent that wouldn't square with Webster's definition," Cohn said.

How monitors use their powers is up to the individual. Although Cohn, who reported to a federal judge, once had to threaten the L.A. district with public exposure because officials wouldn't take a principal to task, he said he tried to avoid issuing dictates.

"I had that authority," he said. "I didn't use it."

San Diego's monitor would be charged with overseeing operations in a city that only now is confronting financial improprieties that date to 1982.

That may explain why Sanders' staff is consulting with such high-profile talent to fill the slot, which is expected to cost \$4 million to fund.

Five people have been approached so far, including two former SEC chairmen. One, Richard C. Breeden, in a *Business Week* article in February, was credited with establishing the "modern role of the court-appointed outside monitor" in corporate-fraud cases.

Breeden has served in that capacity before, most recently for KPMG, the accounting firm that also happens to be one of the city's private auditors. KPMG brought in a monitor last year after agreeing to \$456 million in fines because of improper tax shelters it designed for clients.

The other former SEC chairman who was interviewed, Harvey Pitt, spoke at a June conference on "building ethical cultures." He also writes for *Compliance Week*, a newsletter on corporate regulation.

Fred Sainz, Sanders' spokesman, said the search is in its preliminary stages and that it is not clear how large a candidate pool the city will seek. Yet the mayor has set an aggressive schedule and believes one could be hired by next month.

Troubled agencies often turn to former regulators, attorneys or accountants with substantial name recognition to boost their chances of recovery, Henning said.

"You bring in a name like that because of the inherent credibility," he said. "You're buying a reputation for integrity and honesty to try to put a seal of approval on the outside monitor's activity."

Monitors have observed a variety of delicate situations in business and government.

Ameriquist, an Orange County-based lender, was ordered in January to undergo five years of monitoring because of deceptive practices.

The financial firm Morgan Stanley agreed in 2004 to have a monitor ensure compliance with the terms of a settlement to end a sexual-discrimination case. Denny's, the restaurant chain, agreed 10 years ago to have someone monitor its progress in addressing customer claims of racial bias.

The Los Angeles Police Department has been working with Kroll Inc. – the risk-management firm that prepared San Diego's investigative report – since 2001 to comply with federal orders after the Rampart Division corruption scandal.

San Diego's schools were subjected to supervision a decade ago because of concerns about insufficient programs for disabled students.

The nature of the ordered oversight is important, said Shaun Martin, a law professor at the University of San Diego.

Naming a trustee is a more punitive supervisory action, under which the company or agency is forced to give up significant control. A monitor offers a lighter touch.

"Monitors can examine things and report out their findings, but they themselves don't control what they're monitoring," Martin said. "If you're the city, that's a very good thing."

However, monitors have benchmarks to meet, and it's imperative that they be made clear upfront, Cohn said. The consent decree he worked under set out 18 goals for Los Angeles' special-education programs.

"It would have been very difficult to figure out how you're going to monitor progress without that," he said.

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Chief Clerk will headline the USD School of Law's 2006 Joan E. Bowes-James Madison Distinguished Speaker Series Oct. 30. The event will be held at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at 5:30 p.m.

Bolick, the president and general counsel for the Alliance for School Choice, will discuss "The Conservative Case for an Active Judiciary." The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, call (619) 260-4868 or e-mail usdlaw-event@sandiego.edu. **Source**
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By David Cook

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Thomas Jefferson grad appointed to presidential

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Law Briefs

By Doug Sherwin

William Edwards, a 1991 graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, has been appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Edwards, a deputy public defender with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, specializes in the representation of people with intellectual disabilities who are charged with crimes involving the death penalty.

In the past, Edwards has worked pro bono on capital cases in the southern states. On the presidential committee, Edwards will be working with 20 other appointees advising the president on policy and governmental issues. Edwards was the co-author of the 2002 study "People with Mental Retardation are Dying, Legally: At Least 44 Have Been Executed," which documented the executions of people with intellectual disabilities in the United States. The study, along with an earlier version published in 1997, was cited in the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Atkins v. Virginia*.

"I find it very encouraging that those of us serving on the committee will be able to combine our talents and abilities to look at the issue of people with intellectual disabilities with a new perspective," Edwards said. "Hopefully we will make a collective difference in the lives of people with intellectual disabilities — that's why I'm honored to be appointed."

Edwards will be sworn in on Sept. 14 in Washington, D.C., before his first official meeting with the committee. Source

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Noel C. Gillespie is the newest partner to be elected to the San Diego/Carmel Valley office of **Baker & McKenzie LLP**. This election brings the total number of partners in the firm's San Diego/Carmel Valley office to 11.

Gillespie is a member of the intellectual property practice, focusing on patent prosecution, patent litigation, licensing and other IP matters. He regularly counsels clients on ways to build strategic patent portfolios that protect their technology and help them achieve their business objectives.

Gillespie counsels clients in a wide variety of industries, including telecommunications, semiconductor, medical device, software and Internet. He received his J.D., cum laude, from the University of San Diego School of Law and his B.S. in electrical engineering from San Diego State University.

Baker & McKenzie also recently added Roger C. Kuan as an associate in the intellectual property practice to assist Gillespie in patent prosecution. Kuan focuses his practice on a wide range of intellectual property matters with particular emphasis in the areas of patent preparation and prosecution.

He received his J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law, his M.S. in civil and environmental engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and his B.S. in environmental toxicology from the University of California, Davis.

"Noel is a talented attorney and will bring a unique perspective to the partnership of the firm," said Charles H. Dick Jr., managing partner of the San Diego/Carmel Valley office. "We expect Noel will continue his substantial contributions to our growing intellectual property practice, and are pleased to wel-

come Roger to the team to assist in those efforts." Source Code: 20060912tjb

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Dr. Shirin Ebadi, the 2003 Nobel Peace laureate, spoke to a sold-out crowd Thursday at the University of San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Ebadi, who also teaches and holds human rights training courses, argued that social change is best brought about through nonviolent democratic means, and Islamic law can be interpreted to support democracy and human rights.

Ebadi is the first woman and the first person from Iran to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ebadi spoke as part of the USD School of Law's Jane Ellen Bergman Distinguished Lecture Series and in conjunction with the Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series. Source Code: 20060912tjc

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Balancing Two Careers

Lorton man finalist in Washington top lawyer contest.

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Brett Coffee, 34, is a lawyer with Computer Systems Center Incorporated in Springfield. Almost two years ago, Coffee helped found SemperComm, a charity that enables servicemen and service women to communicate with loved ones, of which CSCI is a title partner. The Lorton resident now works for both CSCI and SemperComm, and because of his work and dedication was recently nominated as a finalist in the Washington Business Journal's Metro Washington top lawyer contest for 2006. Coffee recently sat down to answer a few questions about himself and his work.

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How long have you lived in the community and what brought you here? I moved here just over two years ago. I was living in San Diego and I met my wife, and she was a native of this area.

Family: My wife [Lara] and I have a Labrador retriever.

Education: I went to the University of Illinois for undergrad. I got my law degree at Fordham University [in New York City]. Lincoln Center is amazing, it's right in the middle of everything. I got my other degree, a master of laws, at the University of San Diego.

How did you become interested in law? I think I have always been interested in law and it was something my family remembers me being interested in, in junior high. It was something I had always wanted to try and had the opportunity to do so after I received my undergraduate degree.

Current job: With CSCI, I am corporate council. With SemperComm, I am general council.

How did you begin working with SemperComm? I was one of the people who helped found SemperComm. There were a number of employees who wanted to give something back to the Armed Forces and so came up with the concept of sending communication equipment and morale equipment to troops on remote bases, especially since many of [the employees] had been stationed at remote bases. They asked me and asked other employees how to go about setting that up.

How do you feel about your nomination? It was really nice to be recognized for all the late nights and long hours, but I really felt like the only thing I was doing was supporting the men and women who have the really tough job. Supporting them is really what the organization is about. This recognition is really recognition of those guys out there.

What are your hobbies? I used to be a national level cyclist. I still ride a bit but I play more golf these days than get out on a bike. SemperComm had a golf tournament fund raiser on Friday and I was able to go out, participate and have a fun day supporting our mission. Other than that, my hobbies are traveling and reading. Other than that I don't have much time for anything else.

Is working for both CSCI and SemperComm sometimes like having two jobs? The nice thing about having a second job is if it's something I am passionate about, it makes the hours more bearable and brings creativity a lot of lawyers don't get to participate in. Also, the people I work with make it a fun experience: people overseas, the people who support SemperComm on the staff side. A bonus of the job is, every couple months I get to interact with a couple of guys from Walter Reed and the Naval Hospital. It's probably the most fulfilling part of what I do.

What is the most challenging thing about what you do? Probably working to make sure we have enough financial support and material support to accomplish our mission. It's an ongoing challenge because there is so much need out there and we like to work with as many bases as we can.

What is your favorite thing about the community in which you live? Definitely the diversity in people who come to this area, whether permanently or for a shorter period of time. It has led me to meet a lot of interesting people. After having been all over the country, there is nothing you can't find here — dog parks, historic sites, parks all over the place. You can explore for years and years and years and never get enough. On top of that, it is a great technical-business community as well.

What is the last book you read? "Marley and Me," about a family who has a crazy dog. Anyone who has ever owned a dog would understand ... it's the saddest book at the end, though.

What are your community concerns? I think that between the traffic situation, expansion of Fort Belvoir and the success the area has had in the business of technology has presented our leaders



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Governor appoints 2 judges

By Rod Leveque, Staff Writer

Two San Bernardino County prosecutors, including one who recently helped convict serial killer Wayne Adam Ford, will become the county's next two judges.

Gov. Schwarzenegger appointed J. David Mazurek and Harold T. Wilson to the bench on Friday. The attorneys replace a pair of recently retired judges, and are a welcome addition to a county court system desperately in need of judges.

"We're thrilled to have them," Assistant Presiding Judge James McGuire said. "Everything I've heard about them is remarkably good."

Mazurek, 41, has worked as a San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney since 1996, with his most recent assignment being the prosecution of death penalty cases.

The Upland man earned his law degree from the University of La Verne and an undergraduate degree from Cal State San Francisco.

Before becoming a prosecutor, he focused on civil litigation both in sole practice and as an associate with the Zumbrunn Law Corporation.

His last trial was that of Ford, a long-haul trucker convicted earlier this year of murdering four women across the state. A jury recommended last month that Ford receive the death penalty.

Ford is poised to be the third killer Mazurek has helped send to death row. He also won convictions of Tommie Lee Battle, a former Marine who robbed and killed an elderly Apple Valley couple, and Johnny Morales, a home-invasion robber who executed a mother of three as her horrified children listened in a nearby room.

Mazurek said he is certain he can transition from passionate advocate to impartial decider.

"It's a chance to serve the community in a broader way," he said.

The Republican fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Peter Norell.

Wilson, 45, of Redlands, will fill the vacancy created when Judge Patrick Morris stepped down in February to become the mayor of San Bernardino.

Wilson now works in a special assignment in which he lobbies against life prison inmates who become eligible for parole. District Attorney Mike Ramos handpicked Wilson for the assignment.

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He has served the District Attorney's Office since 1989, and previously worked for the U.S. Justice Department as a special agent in immigration and naturalization service.

The Democrat earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame and an undergraduate degree from University of San Diego.

Because of a judge shortage, San Bernardino County jurists carry among the highest caseloads in the state.

Wilson said he is ready for it.

"It's one of the challenges I'm most looking forward to facing," he said.


District Attorney Mike Ramos said both men will make excellent judges.

"It's a great day for them but a loss for the District Attorney's Office," he said. "They're both going to be very tough to replace."

Both men said they did not yet know when they will be sworn in or to which courthouse they will be assigned. Mazurek said he hoped his new duties would not begin until after Ford is sentenced to death on Oct. 20.

Each will earn \$150,696 annually.

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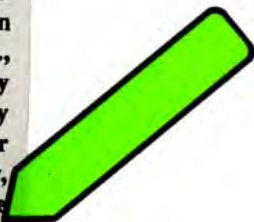
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The San Diego County Bar Foundation has selected six organizations to share \$67,500 in grants: Access Inc., Center for Community Solutions, Community Resource Center, Elder Law and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee and USD Legal Clinics.



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HEALTH CARE

Grossmont Healthcare District selected 11 East County residents to serve as volunteers on an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee that will monitor expenditures from the voter-approved \$247 million general obligation bonds for capital projects at **Grossmont Hospital**. Next year, construction from bond proceeds is expected to help complete the hospital's emergency and critical care center. Other scheduled improvements include new patient beds, compliance with earthquake standards and upgrading the 50-year-old hospital's electrical, plumbing and other building systems.

The 11 volunteers are **Ellen Landi**, a registered nurse and member of the **Commission on Aging** for the City of La Mesa; **Ernest Kott**, president of **Ewin & Associates**, a finance consulting firm, and member of the La Mesa City Council; **Patrick Donnelly**, a corporate administrative contracting officer for the federal government; **Peter Brown**, an orthopedic surgeon at **Sharp Grossmont Hospital**; **George Hawkins**, president/CEO of the **Associated Builders and Contractors**, San Diego chapter; **Walter Heiser**, law professor at the **USD School of Law** and representative of the **San Diego County Taxpayers Association**; **James Johnson**, president/CEO of **Meals-On-Wheels of Greater San Diego Inc.** and representative from the **Grossmont Hospital Foundation**; **Andrew Knutson**, branch manager and general principal for **AIG Financial Advisors**; **Michael Peddecord**, professor emeritus of health services administration at **SDSU** and representative of **Sharp Grossmont Hospital** executive management; **Joseph Powell**, business manager for the **Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local 206**, and representative of the **San Diego County Labor Council**; and **James Schmidt**, a retired banker.

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Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Center for Law and Social Justice will host a Guantánamo teach-in entitled, "A Prison Beyond the Law: How Should We Respond to the Problem of Guantánamo Bay" on Oct. 5. The event, co-sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild's TJSL Student Chapter, will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the law school's Courtyard Building, room 100.

Students and faculty from the California Western School of Law and the USD School of Law have been invited to participate.

More than 200 schools in 44 states will be participating nationwide. The event will feature a simulcast presentation from Seton Hall School of Law and on-site luncheon speakers Marjorie Cohn, a professor at Thomas Jefferson, and David Blair-Loy, president-elect of the National Lawyer's Guild and legal director for the ACLU Foundation of San Diego and Imperial counties.

Thomas Jefferson is billing this event as an opportunity to examine Guantánamo with the help of experts drawn from the legal and medical professions, the world of journalism and the clergy.

For more information, contact Thomas Jefferson professor Susan Bisom-Rapp, who is the director of the Center for Law and Social Justice, at susanb@tjssl.edu. The teach-in Web site, including the event program and the list of participating schools, is law.shu.edu/guantanamoteachin/. Source Code: 20060919tjf

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The judicial year in many jurisdictions around the world is traditionally opened by The Red Mass. The celebration of Mass is designed to provide all attending members of the legal community (judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law school professors, law students, government officials, etc.) the opportunity to reflect on the God-given power and responsibility that are a part of their offices. Together Red Mass participants ask God to grant all the members of the legal community the virtues and gifts necessary for the proper and just administration of their duties.

Here in San Diego County, California we are pleased to join in this tradition and invite all members of the Bench and Bar and the professional and academic legal communities to join in seeking the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in the performance of our duties. This event is open to people of all faiths.



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For Nonprofits, Leadership Deficit Looms

Experts say San Diego's nonprofits aren't preparing for impending turnovers. Some see crisis, others opportunity.

By VALENTINE MOOSSA Voice Staff Writer

Friday, Sept. 1, 2006 | Barbara Mannino, who runs the Vista Community Clinic, is currently training someone to do her job. The clinic experiences 185,000 patient visits a year and as the executive director and supervisor, Mannino's job impacts every staff member and every patient.

She started grooming longtime staff member Fernando Sanudo for her job a few years ago, when the clinic's board of directors decided to prepare the organization for a future transition. Sanudo has not been given the position yet.

"We are just training him so that he will be most prepared for the role when the time comes," Mannino says.

But Mannino and the Vista clinic are unique among nonprofit organizations in the San Diego region. Only a small number of San Diego nonprofits are prepared for what is expected to be a qualified leadership vacuum, potentially putting many nonprofit organizations in jeopardy.

According to a recent study performed by the Center for Applied Nonprofit Research at the University of San Diego, 68 percent of executive directors for nonprofit organizations in the San Diego region plan on leaving their post sometime before the year 2011, leaving many of the county's nonprofit organizations without leaders.

A number of prominent nonprofits have appointed new executive directors in 2006 alone, including the American Association of Museums, the San Diego Science Alliance, the San Diego Food Bank, the Neighborhood House Association, the American Red Cross, and the Episcopal Community Services.

Some wonder what would happen to both San Diego's nonprofit sector and the large portion of the San Diego community that depends on nonprofit services if boards of directors don't find experienced executive directors to replace those leaving.

Laura Deitrick, who led the USD study "Executive Transition in the San Diego Nonprofit Sector," thinks that nonprofits should begin to plan rather than panic about the current situation.

"This is not a crisis, but rather an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to prepare for future leadership transitions," Deitrick says.

The USD study also shows that the vast majority of current executive directors believe that it would be moderately, if not extremely, challenging to obtain a suitable replacement with the necessary qualifications and experience to take over their job. They cite the unimpressive pool of potential replacement candidates.

Experts say that more than two-thirds of current executive directors rank the selection of available candidates as considerably inadequate.

Paul Thompson, the senior vice president of the San Diego Foundation's Organizational Success

Program, said he recognizes that over the next few years a significant change is developing in the San Diego nonprofit sector; and like Deitrick, Thompson does not believe that this is an emergency.

"However if we act like nothing is going to happen there will be negative consequences," Thompson says.

Almost all of the numerous studies performed on the topic over the past several years by companies and academic institutions across the nation -- including the University of San Diego, CompassPoint, the Building Movement Project, Managance Consulting, and Bridgespan among many others -- strongly recommend that nonprofit organizations start preparing for the future to avoid any possible problems.

Still, only 12 percent of San Diego nonprofits state that they have thoroughly discussed future transitions within their organizations.

"Nonprofits need to acknowledge the ageing generations of executives and start training the next generation for future leadership transitions," Deitrick says. "Unfortunately, we can't really pluck individuals out across the nation and hire them because the cost of living in San Diego is so high. We need to grow our own leaders from within."

Even if San Diego's cost of living were to decrease over the next few years, the leadership deficit would still remain a significant problem for the county's nonprofit sector and for nonprofits across the nation. Areas such as Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Jacksonville, Fla., New York City and greater New York are all having just as much difficulty solving the nonprofit leadership deficit as San Diegan organizations.

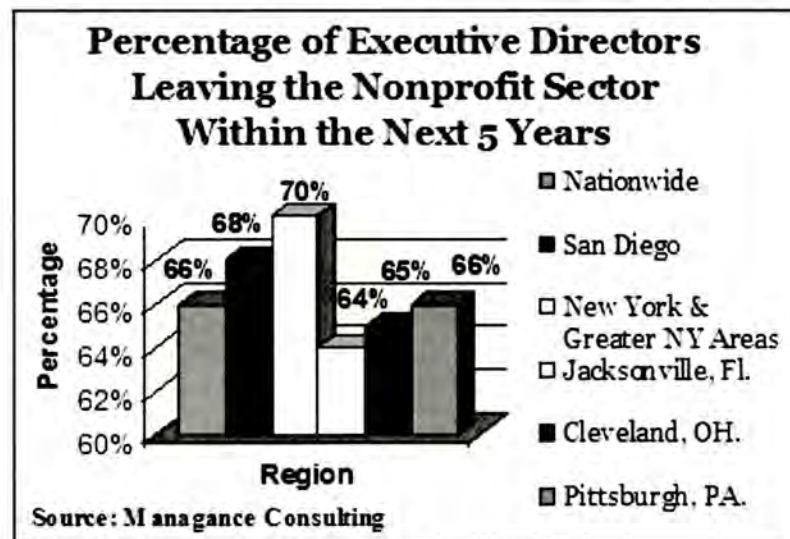
Mannino said all nonprofits should plan in a manner similar to the Vista Community Clinic.

"Theoretically, all nonprofit organizations should start training their future executive directors. Realistically, however, not all nonprofits are able to do so because the majority of these organizations are small with few staff members and a small financial budget," Mannino says. "It is very important for board members to be aware of the fact that many executive directors plan on leaving their organization in the next five years."

Many research studies and individuals involved in the nonprofit sector believe that nonprofit boards and executive directors need to take the time to strengthen the areas in their organization and partnership that need improvement, in order to help alleviate any transition problems they are facing.

"This is an opportunity for the board of directors to reevaluate how they hire and fire executive directors," said Thompson. "There should be just as much focus on the dysfunction and organization of the board of directors as there is placed on the future successors of executive directors. The board should rethink their roles and become more progressive, more aware, and more engaged in their organizations, which will in turn create better relationships between executive directors and board members, healthier leaders, and an overall better organization."

Please contact Valentine Moossa directly with your thoughts, ideas, personal stories or tips at info@voiceofsandiego.org. Or send a letter to the editor.



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The University of San Diego's Nonprofit Leadership and Management Program, in partnership with the Center for Applied Nonprofit Research with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, will present "Beyond Regulation: Tools for Promoting Ethical Action in Nonprofit Organizations" on Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Conference Rooms A-D.

The presentation will provide tools delineated from in-depth discussions held last year at USD. For information, call (619) 260-7442.

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North County students write prize-winning essay

Two North County students recently earned first-place awards in the University of San Diego's Character Matters Essay Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Character Development Center at USD's School of Leadership and Educational Sciences, aims to help instill the values of citizenship, compassion and ethics in young people by asking them to write about ideals and beliefs that matter most to them.

Katherine Mitchell, who recently finished the sixth grade at the Coastal Academy in Oceanside, took first place in the middle school division of the contest for her entry. Her essay, titled 'A Character Named Cowboy,' focused on how compromise can affect character.

Carlee Roberts, who recently finished the fifth grade at Dingeman Elementary School in Ramona, won first place in the elementary school division for her essay, titled 'Board of Character.'

Other North County winners were: Kyra Grove, who recently finished third grade at Del Mar Heights Elementary School and won third place in her division; Anatolia Evarkiou-Kaku of Poway, who recently completed ninth grade at Francis Parker School in San Diego and took second place in the high school division; and Cheng Cheng of Rancho Penasquitos, who recently finished the fifth grade at Sycamore Ridge School and won second place in the elementary school division.

More than 2,000 entries were received. USD Leadership & Education Sciences professors Donna Barnes, Bobbie Hansen and Robert Infantino led judging teams and selected nine student winners. First-place winners earned \$100 and a plaque, second-place winners received \$75 and a framed certificate; and third-place winners were awarded \$50 and a framed certificate. Entries can be read at www.charactermatters.sandiego.edu.

Above, from left, are Katherine Mitchell's mother Kristen, Katherine and Coastal Academy sixth-grade teacher Monica Getz.



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Tim O'Malley has joined USD as v.p. of university relations, replacing Monsignor **Daniel Dillabough**, who will return full time to lead the University Mission and Ministry division. O'Malley for nine years was v.p. of university relations at **Pacific University** in Forest Grove, Ore. At USD, he will lead the university's institutional advancement, development, marketing and public relations departments.

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University wants students to take their inner faith to outside world

By Sandi Dolbee
STAFF WRITER

Students sat at long conference tables, facing their instructors and a bingo board mounted high on the wall. Outside the sliding glass doors of a makeshift classroom was a glimpse of a statue of Mary, mother of Jesus.

They began with prayer and recited the rosary.

The first day of classes was held yesterday at John Paul the Great Catholic University, a new San Diego school with 31 students, a commitment to orthodox church teachings and the mission of taking their faith into business and media — the two inaugural majors.

Andrea Lynch, 18, of Poway wants to help make movies. "Hopefully, I can impact the world with my religion," said Lynch, who wore an anti-abortion T-shirt with the picture of a fetus in a womb.

For business major MaryPat Edwards, one goal is to not leave her values at the workplace door. How will she do that? "I'm not sure, but in four years, I will have an answer to that," said Edwards, 18, from Portland, Ore.

It could be said that this class of 2010, along with the part-time faculty members and other supporters, are taking a leap of faith that John Paul the Great Catholic University will be a success. It's not yet

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Until renovations are completed at a Scripps Ranch office building that will serve as the university's campus, classes for John Paul the Great Catholic University are meeting at Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church in Mira Mesa.

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Two majors are focused on business, media

accredited and there's not really a campus.

Classes are meeting at Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church in Mira Mesa until renovations are completed on the upper floor of a Scripps Ranch office building. Students are living in a nearby apartment complex. The hope, eventually, is for a campus to be built somewhere in North County.

But Derry Connolly, John Paul the Great's president and one of its co-founders, said the bottom line isn't about academic degrees. "I think the measure of our success is how well our students will know the Lord."

From its flyers to its Web site, the goal is clear: to shape "future innovators and creators... guided by the spiritual, moral and social teachings of Jesus Christ."

Connolly, who also works as a director at UCSD Extension, said about 80 percent of the money raised for the endeavor has come from the board of trustees, which is largely composed of local business people. He has put in about \$100,000, he said.

Nineteen of the 31 students are media majors, and Connolly intends to cover areas ranging from video games to movies. It's the media, he added, "that impacts culture more than anything else."

Martin Harold, the school's student life director and a teacher, bristles when asked whether they're training students to be biased or to push their particular theology. "I think the perspective we're coming from is the media is already biased," he said. "I think what's biased is not having a set of principles, not having an identity."

Harold and his wife, Sara, who is one of Connolly's daugh-

ters, are graduates of Franciscan University of Steubenville, a conservative Catholic campus in Ohio known for its integration of faith and academics.

John Paul the Great hopes to emulate Franciscan University. "I saw something I'd never seen before," Connolly said of his visit there and the students' commitment.

The Rev. Terence Henry, Franciscan University's president, said the 2,400 students embrace "dynamic orthodoxy," which he describes as "fidelity to the church but doing it in a joy-filled, positive way."

Henry and Connolly both contend that many Catholic universities have become too secularized. "Their Catholic identity hasn't been evident," Henry said, declining to name names.

San Diego County's Catholic college is the University of San Diego, which has more than 7,500 students. "I certainly don't think that USD has lost its Catholic identity," said Tim O'Malley, vice president for university relations. John Paul the Great takes "a more evangelical approach,"

O'Malley said, and "promotes another dimension of Catholic higher education here in the county and the region."

Tuition at John Paul the Great Catholic University is \$18,000 a year, although Connolly said many are getting financial assistance. Tudi Boasman, an 18-year-old student from New York, is the only non-Catholic. He's a Baptist who wants to be a music producer and prove to people "that we all have a purpose."

The timing of its media focus may be fortuitous. Faith and popular culture are becoming increasingly intertwined in this century — from "The Passion of the Christ" blockbuster to the flood of Christian-themed country music to this week's announcement that 20th Century Fox is launching a Christian home video label.

"Various faith communities are looking for ways to enter into the cultural discourse by using these media," said William Romanowski, professor of communication arts at Calvin College in Michigan and author of "Eyes Wide Open: Looking

for God in Popular Culture."

Romanowski added, "It's a way for them to try and shape the culture they live in."

USD, Human Systems Consulting Chief Look to Help Small Biz

Education: New Institute Offers Near-the-Job Training

BY STACEY BENGTSON

The area's thousands of small businesses are a driving force for the San Diego economy, and now because of a new partnership, these business owners have an opportunity to participate in training programs to help increase their ability to plan, manage and grow their companies.

The University of San Diego and the president of Human Systems Consulting, Richard Sims, have joined together to create a program through USD's Office of Corporate and Professional Education called the Small and Emerging Business Institute.

The institute was formed after Sims approached USD, a private school with more than 7,200 students, with an interest in creating a program where small-business owners could turn to an educational facility for help in making their companies larger and stronger.

"I felt like there was a need in San Diego for a solid, professional assistance training program to give small businesses the competitive edge to get ahead," said Sims, whose one-man, 20-year-old firm provides management consulting services such as executive leadership development, organizational performance, emerging business development and research.

During the time Sims and Jodi Waterhouse, manager of Corporate and Professional Programs at USD's Office of Corporate and Professional Education, were collaborating to create a program, the California Employment Training Panel also approached USD for a partnership to develop a similar program for small businesses.

Unemployment Insurance Funding

Diana Torres, manager of the ETP in San Diego, said the unemployment insurance, or UI, that private businesses pay to ETP (\$7 per employee, per year, generating about \$100 million annually for the state) is used for training the existing private employer work force.

The ETP is a state agency designed to fund training for employers and new workers and to help retain employees. It is used to improve the economy through training.

"The UI makes California businesses stable and strong," Sims said. "Most small businesses can't afford to do training on their own."

Funding for the institute's programs will come from the ETP, participants' tuition and sponsorships.

The Small and Emerging Business Institute has three separate programs, two of which will be new course offerings for business owners beginning this fall.

The first program to launch is the High Performance Management Training on Oct. 17, followed by the Micro-Business Management Program beginning Nov. 10. The Family Business Forum has been an ongoing program for the past 14 years at USD but has now become part of the institute.

"I call it (the institute) a macro-incubation project designed to provide technical assistance, professional training and non-degree management education to businesses to support the development of the small-business economy of San Diego," Sims said.

USD expects a total of 250 participants this year for the HPMT and Micro-Business programs. It is uncertain how many people will take part in the family forum.

Pick Your Program

The HPMT is focused on providing executive training and education to owners, executives, managers and professional staff of small

and emerging businesses in San Diego.

The HPMT program is strictly for business owners that have one to nine employees and features 40 hours of training delivered to four groups of 20 participants each during a four- to six-week period.

The Micro-Business Management Program is designed for entrepreneurs who own mom-and-pop-type businesses and startups that are ready to grow.

"This course is structured for entrepreneurs to secure their business and strengthen their skills," Sims said.

The Family Business Forum is an executive program for family owned businesses. Participants meet three hours at a time, 10 times a year.

Next-Generation Focus

Starting this fall, the forum is adding a new course called the Next Generation Family Business Leaders Forum, where participants meet quarterly.

The forums are tailored to address specific needs of family owned businesses and help the family's next generation of executives and owners.

"The program is for family business issues and is focused on helping these businesses become more successful and profitable family businesses," Waterhouse said.

The Family Business Forum is not funded by the ETP; participants pay \$1,750 annually for their key executives to attend the forums.

The HPMT is funded by the ETP; however, there is an additional fee of \$300 for course materials.

The Micro-Business Management Program is funded by corporate sponsorships

but will have a small fee that will be offset by the sponsors. This year's sponsor is San Diego-based Mabuhay Alliance Inc., which offers its members networking opportunities and partnered with Sims to help create the program.

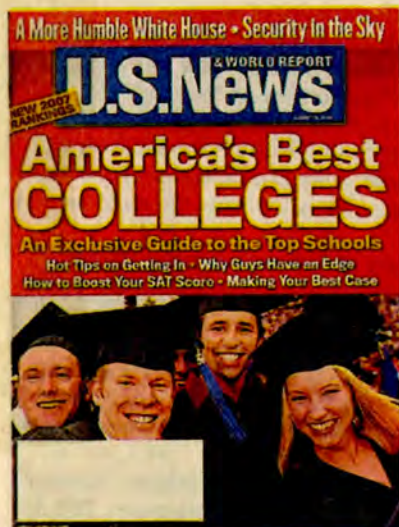
The HPMT and Micro-Business are designed and instructed by Sims, who will also bring industry experts into course trainings for hands-on learning and expert advice.

"Business owners need these skills to compete," Sims said. "This is an age of knowledge and information and I wanted to make an educational program that is affordable for small businesses that large businesses already have access to."

Waterhouse said all small businesses should take advantage of these programs since they are already required to pay the UI tax.

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How useful are popular college rankings?



The business is growing, but many experts have doubts about objectivity

By Eleanor Yang Su
STAFF WRITER

Eva Ostrum has seen it several times: a father, eager to find the best college for his teenager, would arrive at a counseling appointment armed with spreadsheets filled with schools and their rankings.

Ostrum would gingerly tell him to put aside the rankings before attempting a discussion about his child's passions and preferences.

"Parents need to keep in mind that rankings systems are very subjective," said Os-

trum, a former assistant admissions director at Yale University and the author of "The Thinking Parent's Guide to College Admissions."

"They are more art than science."

As fall approaches, the college application process kicks into high gear.

In the past few weeks, publications grading colleges have filled the magazine stands of bookstores. The offerings range from the granddaddy of all rankings, *U.S. News & World Report*, which attempts to rate academic quality, to other publications that list best party and jock schools. In the past decade, the market for college guidebooks has ballooned, egged on by the competition to get into the "best" schools.

The market now includes dozens of

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U.S. News sold 45,000 copies on newsstands

guide books and rankings, catering to an ever-growing audience. Last year, an estimated 2.3 million students considered applying to college, said Robert Franek, the author of Princeton Review's "The Best 361 Colleges."

So what's a student to do with this explosion of information?

Some experts urge students to avoid rankings altogether, disparaging as "pseudo-scientific" a system that tries to reduce the college experience to a number. Others say the lists at least give students more information on colleges. Some say the rankings can be used, selectively, to broaden the search.

How rankings work

For more than a century, people have tried to assess how the nation's colleges stack up. As early as 1870, the U.S. Bureau of Education ranked universities based on statistical information.

Rankings have grown increasingly popular in the past two decades, despite concern by academics that the assessments weigh the high school achievements of incoming freshmen instead of measuring what the college's graduates have learned.

U.S. News & World Report rankings give the greatest weight — 25 percent — to a school's reputation. The magazine sends surveys to 250 institutions, asking presidents, provosts or deans to rate their peers. The method has been widely criticized for giving so

much clout to administrators who spend little, if any, time in the classroom.

Some have faulted the magazine for using criteria that they say favor wealthy private schools such as: faculty salaries (7 percent), incoming students' SAT or ACT scores (7.5 percent), alumni giving rate (5 percent), and the six-year graduation rate (16 percent).

"Each of the individual components of information provided is useful and people should consider them," said Ronald Ehrenberg, a Cornell University professor who has studied rankings for more than 10 years. "But the formulas and weights are arbitrary."

U.S. News' Robert Morse, who has been in charge of compiling the rankings since 1987, said the magazine carefully considers its methodology.

"The reputation of a school is important because it's something graduates carry with them their whole life," Morse said. "It's something that's of vital importance when they go to look for their first job, or when they apply to graduate schools, since graduate schools are very status-oriented and have their own rating of schools."

Another top-seller, Princeton Review, bases its rankings almost entirely on student surveys. Last month, Princeton Review publicized 62 rankings culled from more than 115,000 self-selected student surveys.

Students attending what Princeton Review deems the nation's top 361 colleges are asked to fill out online surveys on topics ranging from "Professors Get High Marks" and "Class Discussions Encouraged" to "Reefer Madness" and "Most Beautiful Campus."

Critics say these rankings lack scientific controls. For example, even if several hundred

HOW CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS RANK

U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" guide includes directory information on 1,400 public and private American colleges and universities, including 91 in California. Experts recommend considering multiple resources when picking a college, not just looking at a ranking. Stanford and the California Institute of Technology are ranked in the top 10 of the magazine's 248 best national universities. These schools in California are also ranked by number:

21. UC Berkeley	54. Pepperdine University
26. UC Los Angeles (UCLA)	76. UC Santa Cruz
27. University of Southern California (USC)	88. UC Riverside
38. UC San Diego (UCSD)	98. University of the Pacific
44. UC Irvine	105. University of San Diego
47. UC Davis	112. University of San Francisco
UC Santa Barbara	

The third and fourth tiers of the list are organized alphabetically. The University of La Verne is in the third tier grouping of 62 schools. The fourth tier includes Alliant International University, Biola University and San Diego State University. SDSU was the only California State University campus that made the national rankings list.

SOURCE: U.S. News & World Report

students from one school fill out the survey, and only a handful participate from another school, each result is weighted the same.

Other criticism is rooted in the belief that colleges manipulate data to make themselves look better, by, for example, reporting what percentage of their alumni association's membership makes donations, instead of basing the figure on total living graduates.

"Are data being manipulated? I suspect they are," said Don Hossler, a professor at Indiana University who has researched rankings for 20 years. He estimates that up to one-quarter of four-year colleges participating in the rankings massage their data to look better.

"There's an over-obsession with rankings," he said.

Publications hot sellers

Last year, U.S. News & World

Report sold 45,000 newsstand copies of its "Best Colleges" edition, in addition to a paid subscriber list of 2 million. On top of that, it sold "several hundred thousand" copies of its 280-plus page "America's Best Colleges" newsstand guide, which includes a directory of 1,400 colleges.

The publications range in price from a \$4 magazine to books and guides that sell for between \$10 to \$22. Limited rankings information is also available on publications' Web sites.

"College is growing more expensive, and the rankings give people some basis to judge whether they are making a good investment in themselves," said Marc Meredith, a Stanford University doctoral student who published a paper on the effects of rankings.

That said, academics estimate that less than 10 percent of students actually consider

rankings in deciding what school to attend. Most students choose a school because it's close to home and affordable, said George Kuh, an Indiana University professor who directs the National Survey of Student Engagement.

Several local students echoed that point.

"I didn't think about rankings when I was deciding which school to attend," said Shiraney Sim, a junior at San Diego State University studying business. "I wanted to go in San Diego. I like the weather here and the teaching is easy."

Many students follow their friends' experience.

"I have a lot of friends who came to USD and now they have great jobs," said Patrick Mahoney, a University of San Diego law student who graduated from the undergraduate program in May. "What are the rankings based on anyway? It's much better to get an insider's perspective."

Rankings have the most significance, academics said, to affluent and status-minded students, alumni, faculty, administrators and recruiters.

Employers in some fields put a premium on recruiting from highly ranked schools: investment banking, management consulting, engineering and software development.

"It matters most for students straight out of college who have less work experience and less of a track record," said John Mestepey, a vice president at Edward W Kelley and Partners, an executive search firm that was formerly known as A.T. Kearney Executive Search. "The better-ranked schools become quality screens."

Mestepey described a college's reputation as equal in importance to a recent graduate's grades, extracurricular activi-

ties, summer work experience or job interview.

Some companies, such as Qualcomm, have created their own rankings based on factors such as past hires, college curriculum and diversity.

"UC San Diego is consistently ranked for engineering, but we find that SDSU is also a great source of talent," said Adam Ward, the manager of Qualcomm's campus recruiting. "You won't find them ranked as high, but it's a great school for us nonetheless."

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Welcome to the seventh annual 40 Under 40 special section, an effort to recognize the young business and civic leaders in whose hands lies our region's fate. We expect you will be amazed with the variety and talents of this Class of 2006.

It was our independent judges who made the hard cuts to get down to 40, and we thank them for their efforts. A pretty diverse bunch themselves, the group includes Kevin Elliott, president of Roel Construction; Louise Torio, executive director of Historic San Diego Consulting; Dick Cloward, general manager of Jimsair; Joice Truban Curry, president of C3 Communications Inc.; and Dennis Guseman, dean of business at CSU San Marcos.

On the following pages are profiles of the honorees. Meet and celebrate with them on Sept. 19 during an uplifting luncheon program at the San Diego Convention Center that also will feature a brief celebration of our 10th anniversaries. (Details are in the "From The Publisher" column on Page 5.) Along with good-natured fun and a champagne start, you'll dine on a starter of goat cheese & tomato tart with baby mauche tossed in fresh lemon & walnut oil drizzled with infused herbed oils; enjoy an entrée of grilled roulade stuffed with butter beans along with a grilled vegetable terrine, and complete your meal with a dessert of a strawberry and mascarpone roulade glazed in white chocolate with grand marnier soaked berries.

Tempted? If you're interested in supporting an honoree or participating in our 10th anniversaries celebration, tickets are \$65. The YWCA and its Becky's House II will benefit. Contact Cyndi Meeves at (619) 398-8926, cyndi@sandiegometro.com, for details. In the meantime, please read on.

— *Tim McClain, Editor*

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE HER BUSINESS

*Every day, Valerie Attisha sees
the ripple effect around recipients*

Valerie Attisha believes scholarships cause a domino effect. As director of scholarships for The San Diego Foundation, 34-year-old Attisha knows the benefits of grants more than the recipients. She sees applications from many adult re-entry students, people returning to school after a marriage ended, and her recovery from domestic abuse.



A scholarship gives them the opportunity to succeed, and it "may touch generations," she says, benefiting parents, siblings and children.

A scholarship allowed Attisha to attend USD. The university, along with her family, encouraged her to make a difference. At the foundation, she established the Community Scholarship Program that's grown to more than \$25 million in assets. The fund has awarded more than \$8 million to thousands of students.

Attisha also created the San Diego Teachers' Fund. With more than \$750,000 in contributions, it has affected more than 11,000 students by awarding 600 public elementary school teachers grants for activities like museum field trips.

Attisha's work on a white paper on women and philanthropy led to establishment of the San Diego Women's Foundation. Furthermore, she directed the San Diego Millennium Project, an assessment of regional challenges and opportunities for which she received special recognition. The San Diego Foundation received recognition from the National Scholarship Providers Association for Scholarship Excellence and the Biocom Community Partner of the Year Award.

Outside work, Attisha serves on the El Cajon Rotary Club and USD National Alumni boards and the LEAD San Diego selection committee. She plans to marry her fiancé, Jason Harmon, next summer.

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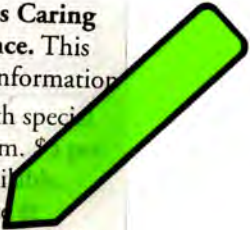
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Families and Communities Caring Together (FACCT) Conference. This conference provides targeted information for parents/families of kids with special needs. Sept. 30, 8 am-12:30 pm. \$100 per person; financial assistance available. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. www.sandiego.edu/cfcsn; 619-260-7658.





Council hopefuls detail agendas

HEMET: Candidates agree on problems facing the city, but propose different solutions.

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By HERBERT ATIENZA
The Press-Enterprise

HEMET - Reining in overwhelming growth, taming traffic that rivals some of the worst in the region, preserving seniors' quality of life, protecting residents from crime, addressing homelessness, and providing opportunities for youth are emerging as hot issues for candidates in this year's race for City Council.

Seven people are vying for two council positions in elections set for Nov. 7. Mayor Robin Lowe and Councilman Roger Meadows are defending their council seats against five challengers: Eric McBride, Wigsbert "Wiggs" Mendoza, Michael Gomez, Stephen Clayton and Jim Claverie.

Once known as a haven for retirees, Hemet still attracts seniors, but is quickly becoming a more typical Southern California community with more families and working adults moving in.

Hemet's population of about 67,000 is expected to increase to about 84,693 by 2014. With booming population growth comes challenges.

Managing Growth, Traffic

During the past year, Hemet has seen much growth in residential and commercial development. But while boosting the city's coffers with property and sales tax revenues, the candidates agree that housing affordability and the lag in infrastructure have become problems.

HEMET COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Seven candidates are seeking two four-year terms on the Hemet City Council in the Nov. 7 election.



Jim Claverie

Age: 44

Meadows, who retired from the aerospace industry, said the city must find a way to make sure that infrastructure is put in place at the time of development to handle the traffic.

Mendoza, a planning commissioner and business analyst for Metropolitan Water District, said he would support controlling housing growth and attracting more jobs into the city so that residents would not have to commute far for work.

Lowe said the ongoing update of the city's general plan should focus on mitigating traffic.

Claverie, regional manager for Skyline Corp. in San Jacinto, believes his business background and fresh perspective would allow him to contribute ideas to address challenges caused by rapid growth.

Housing for Seniors

While Hemet is becoming home to more families, seniors still make up a significant part of the population. Many live on fixed incomes and face housing affordability problems.

Clayton, Hemet's city clerk and senior tax adviser/office manager at H&R Block in Menifee, said he would work to maintain senior communities and protect their "senior status."

Gomez, a workplace violence consultant, said the city should encourage and implement programs that allow seniors to purchase their homes at a reduced rate.

McBride, a planning commissioner and a San Bernardino police sergeant, said he supports forming a task force to work with senior communities to ensure they are protected.

Homeless Programs

McBride, Clayton and Claverie suggest greater participation from nonprofit and faith-

Residence: Hemet

Family: Single

Occupation: Manager at Skyline Homes in San Jacinto

Education: Master of Business Administration from University of Redlands

Activities: Vice president of Community Pantry; chairman of Hispanic Division of Hemet/San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce; active in Catholic church

Campaign Web site and phone number:
www.jimclaverie.com, 951-333-3037



Stephen B. Clayton

Age: 64

Residence: Hemet

Family: Married, three children, six grandchildren

based organizations to address the needs of homeless people.

Gomez said the city should adopt successful homeless programs from other cities.

Mendoza said the city must adopt a plan to reduce the number of homeless people, focusing on prevention, work training and affordable housing.

Lowe and Meadows say the city should not become a dumping ground for homeless people from other cities and prefer a regional facility for the homeless outside the valley.

Special Section	Youth Activities
Elections 2006	With more families settling in Hemet, there's pressure on the city to provide meaningful activities for youth.
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Lowe said that as mayor, she started the Mayor's Youth Council, an organization that advises the city on how to better serve youth. She and Meadows also call attention to support they've given Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District and city investments in parks and recreational facilities.

Mendoza said young people should have opportunities to express themselves. He said the city should create a Youth Opportunity Program that would offer extra-curricular activities and transportation.

Claverie said the city should attract a company to develop a youth activities center that can provide a safe environment for activities for hundreds of youths at once.

Gomez said the city should work with schools to offer meaningful youth activities and

Occupation: Hemet city clerk; senior tax adviser/office manager, H&R Block in Menifee

Education: Master's degree in public administration, California State University, Fullerton

Activities: Vice president of Seven Hills Property Owners Association; member of Elks, American Legion, Seven Hills bowling and golf leagues; former member of American Public Works Association and American Society of Public Administration; former manager of Little and senior leagues; served in Indian Guides/Princesses

Campaign Web site and phone number: E-mail: claytonhem@aol.com, 951-929-7552 Michael R. Gomez

Residence: Hemet

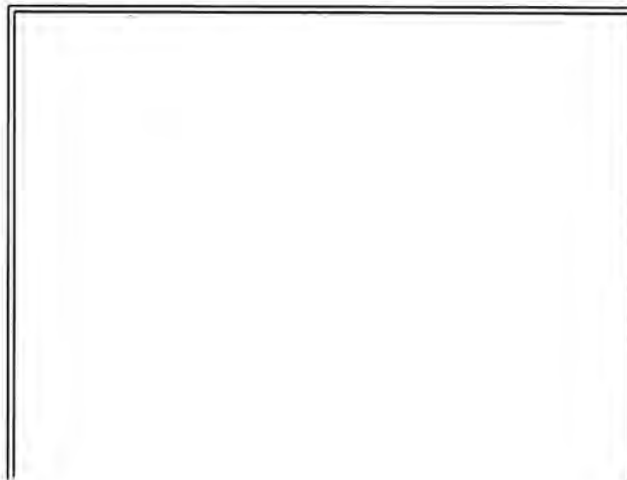
Family: Married, three children

Occupation: Workplace violence consultant

Education: Graduated from University of San Diego

Activities: Member, Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity, Knights of Columbus

Campaign Web site and phone number: None listed



recreational opportunities.

Clayton said the city should require open space and playgrounds in all new developments, and sponsor youth programs at the library and the two new museums that will open shortly near Diamond Valley Lake.

McBride said the city should encourage facilities that offer activities for youth to locate in Hemet.

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Online at:



Robin Lowe

Age: 59

Residence: Hemet

Family: Married, two children, three grandchildren

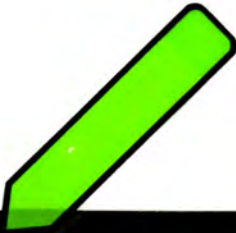
Occupation: Mayor of Hemet; executive director of Prime of Life; retired AT&T marketing executive

Education: Attended Pepperdine and Northwestern universities

Activities: Chairwoman of Hemet's housing committee, Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission, Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency; board member of California Congress of Republicans, California League of Cities; founding member of Hemet-San Jacinto Habitat for Humanity; member: Valley Economic Development Corp., Riverside County Republican Central Committee, National Rifle Association, Elks Club, Rotary International, P.E.O. Sisterhood; member and immediate past chair of Riverside County Transportation Commission, Western

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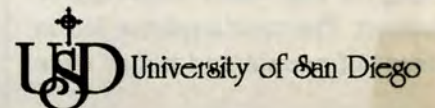
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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Ranked by fall 2005 total enrollment ⁽¹⁾

Rank (last year)	School Address Web site	Telephone Fax	Total fall enrollment • 2005 • 2004 • Percent change (loss)	Students: • Full-time • Part-time • Percent California residents	Faculty as of 1/1/2006	2005 - 2006 tuition: ⁽²⁾ • Resident • Nonresident • Graduate	Total operating budget 2005 - 2006: • Restricted • Unrestricted \$ Millions	• Type of institution • Accredited by	Major disciplines of study	• President • Director of admissions	Year established locally
1 (1)	San Diego State University 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego 92182 www.sdsu.edu	(619) 594-5200	31,802 32,043 (1)	24,454 7,348 94	1,737	\$3,122 \$13,292 \$3,704	\$304 \$277	Four-year, public university WASC	Business administration, psychology, liberal studies, biology, nursing	Stephen Weber Beverly Arata	1898
2 (2)	University of California, San Diego 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla 92093 www.ucsd.edu	(858) 534-2230 (858) 534-5629	26,728 26,153 2	26,304 464 92	na	\$7,538 \$25,358 \$8,811	\$670 \$1,450	Four-year, public university WASC, ACSCU, ABET	Biological, health and physical sciences, humanities, education, engineering	Marye Anne Fox Mae Brown	1960
3 (3)	Palomar College 1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos 92069 www.palomar.edu	(760) 744-1150 (760) 744-8123	26,294 27,609 (5)	7,508 20,101 75	1,260	\$662 \$4,286 na	na na	Two-year, public community college WASC	Variety of transfer and vocational programs	Robert Deegan Herman Lee	1946
4 (4)	San Diego Mesa College 7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego 92111 www.sdmesa.edu	(619) 388-2600 (619) 388-2969	21,206 22,476 (6)	na na na	440	\$650 \$4,490 na	na na	Two-year, public community college WASC	Variety of transfer and vocational programs	Rita Cepeda na	1964
5 (5)	Southwestern Community College 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista 91910 www.swccd.edu	(619) 421-6700 (619) 482-6413	18,696 18,261 2	6,841 11,495 99	248	\$624 \$4,200 na	\$9 \$70	Two-year, public community college WASC	285 degree and certificate options	Norma Hernandez na	1961
6 (6)	Grossmont College 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon 92020 www.grossmont.edu	(619) 644-7000 (619) 644-7922	16,451 17,348 (5)	6,885 10,463 94	659	\$764 \$4,228 na	\$13 \$56	Two-year, public community college WASC	Certificate and transfer programs	Dean Colli Brad Tiffany	1961
7 (7)	National University 11255 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla 92037 www.nu.edu	(800) 628-8648 (858) 642-8726	15,891 14,951 6	4,686 10,265 94	1,302	\$8,352 \$8,352 \$7,128	na na	Four-year, private comprehensive university WASC, CCTC, CCNE	Education, business, engineering, technology, arts, sciences, media	Jerry Lee Megan Magee	1971
8 (8)	San Diego City College 1313 Park Blvd., San Diego 92117 www.sdcity.edu	(619) 388-3400 (619) 388-3063	14,558 14,304 2	2,309 11,995 94	610	\$650 \$4,490 na	\$20 \$30	Two-year, public community college WASC	Nursing, business, performing and graphic arts, radio/TV, computers	Terrence Burgess Lou Humphries	1914
9 (9)	MiraCosta College 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside 92056 www.miracosta.edu	(760) 757-2121 (760) 795-6609	10,391 9,944 4	3,261 6,683 96	142	\$800 \$6,130 na	\$5 \$72	Two-year, public community college WASC	Transfer, vocational, general and community education	Victoria Munoz Richard Alicia Terry	1934
10 (10)	San Diego Miramar College 10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego 92126 www.sdmiramar.edu	(858) 536-7800 (619) 388-7929	10,135 9,717 4	1,675 8,460 98	153	\$650 \$4,490 na	\$5 \$20	Two-year, public community college WASC	Transfer and certificate programs	Patricia Hsieh Dana Andras	1969

11 (11)	University of Phoenix 3890 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego 92123 www.phoenix.edu	(858) 576-1287 (858) 576-0032	9,958 8,963 11	8,963 na 100	530	\$9,552 \$9,552 \$11,256	na na	Four-year, private university NCA	Business, marketing, finance, health care, IT, criminal justice, accounting	Laura Palmer-Noone Tandy Elisala	1989
12 (14)	University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego 92110 www.sandiego.edu	(619) 260-4600	7,548 7,486 1	6,193 1,355 69	722	\$28,760 \$28,760 \$17,820	na \$255	Four-year, private Catholic university WASC, ABA, CCTC	Liberal arts and sciences, business, law, nursing, education	Mary Lyons Stephen Pultz	1948
13 (15)	Cal State San Marcos 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos 92096 www.csusm.edu	(760) 750-4000 (760) 750-4030	7,502 7,365 2	5,211 7,291 99	444	\$3,062 \$11,198 \$3,644	na na	Four-year, public liberal arts university WASC	Arts, sciences, business, education	Karen Haynes Nathan Evans	1989
14 (12)	UCSD Extension 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla 92037 www.extension.ucsd.edu	(858) 534-3400 (858) 534-8527	7,379 8,488 (13)	na na 95	na	na na na	na na	Nonprofit continuing education WASC	Commercial enterprise, personal improvement/preparation, public service	Mary Walshok Edward Abeyta	1966
15 (13)	Cuyamaca College 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon 92019 www.cuyamaca.net	(619) 660-4000 (619) 660-4399	7,264 7,561 (4)	1,916 5,645 99	415	\$754 \$4,988 \$754	\$6 \$24	Two-year, public community college WASC	Vocational and transfer programs	Geraldine Perri Beth Appenzeller	1978
16 (16)	Chapman University 7460 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108 www.chapman.edu	(619) 296-8660 (619) 296-8690	4,750 4,700 1	na na 95	150	\$9,150 \$9,150 \$11,130	na na	Four-year, private and nonprofit liberal arts university WASC	Education, human resources, psychology, criminal justice, social science	James Doti Michael Drummy	1970
17 (17)	Point Loma Nazarene University 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego 92106 www.ptloma.edu	(619) 849-2200 (619) 849-2578	2,749 2,666 3	2,470 196 79	291	\$20,200 na na	na na	Four-year, private liberal arts university WASC	Arts and sciences, social sciences and professional studies, education	Bob Brower Scott Shoemaker	1973
18 (18)	Art Institute of California 7650 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108 www.aicad.artinstitutes.edu	(858) 598-1200	1,912 1,709 12	1,600 312 86	113	\$19,344 \$19,344 na	na na	Private professional college ACCSCCT	Advertising, fashion, culinary arts, design, media arts	Elizabeth Erickson Jo-Ann White	1981
19 (19)	Alliant International University 10455 Pomerado Road, San Diego 92131 www.alliant.edu	(858) 635-4772 (858) 635-4555	1,431 1,365 5	na na na	72	\$14,000 \$14,000 \$8,315	na \$57	Four-year, private university WASC, APA	Business, organizational studies, psychology education and liberal studies	Geoffrey Cox Susan Topham	1952
20 (21)	California Western School of Law 225 Cedar St., San Diego 92101 www.californiawestern.edu	(619) 239-0391 (619) 525-7092	894 955 (6)	770 124 55	113	\$30,600 \$30,600 \$30,600	na na	Private law school ABA, AALS	Criminal, international, health and intellectual property law	Steven Smith Traci Howard	1924
21 (23)	Webster University 6480 Weathers Place, #104, San Diego 92121 www.webster.edu/sandiego	(858) 458-9310 (858) 458-0914	810 685 18	0 685 100	40	\$4,875 \$4,875 \$6,450	na na	Four-year, private liberal arts university NCA	Business, management, entrepreneurship, accounting	Kim Varey Lisa Garcia	1980
22 (22)	Thomas Jefferson School of Law 2121 San Diego Ave., San Diego 92110 www.tjssl.edu	(619) 297-9700 (619) 374-6393	805 835 (4)	544 261 48	107	\$28,400 \$28,400 na	na na	Private law school ABA, WASC	Legal studies	Rudolph Hasl Beth Kransberger	1969
23 (NR)	Pacific College of Oriental Medicine 7445 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108 www.pacificcollege.edu	(619) 574-6909 (619) 574-6641	500 450 11	300 150 65	50	\$12,000 \$12,000 \$12,000	na \$4	Private professional college ACAOM	Acupuncture, Oriental medicine, health sciences	Jack Miller Gina Rubbo	1986
24 (NR)	University of Redlands School of Business 9040 Friars Road, #310, San Diego 92108 www.redlands.edu	(619) 284-9292 (619) 284-9525	253 312 (19)	0 na 99	69	\$12,814 \$12,814 \$12,432	\$0 \$111	Four-year, private business university na	Business, management, information technology	Stuart Dorsey Anita Oshaben	1985
25 (24)	Azusa Pacific University 2820 Camino del Rio S., #100, San Diego 92108 www.apu.edu	(619) 718-9655 (619) 718-9659	218 na na	na na 79	35	\$21,550 \$21,550 \$13,500	na na	Four-year, private comprehensive university na	na	Jon Wallace John Burlison	1997

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na Not available
NA Not applicable
(NR) Not ranked

Notes: Christian Heritage College, No. 25 last year, did not return a survey for the 2006 List.

Sources: The institutions and California Postsecondary Education Commission.

It is not the intent of this List to endorse the participants nor to imply a school's size or numerical rank indicates its quality.

(1) Fall enrollment includes undergraduate, graduate, professional schools and postdoctoral training programs.

(2) Unless otherwise noted, tuition reflects a full-time program for the 2005 - 2006 school year. For community colleges, a full-time program consists of 12 units per semester.

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Bike journey lets him see both the world and himself

GLOBAL WANDERING

By Alison DaRosa
TRAVEL WRITER

For Scott Stoll, it was the week from hell: He was fired from his job as art director at an advertising company. His longtime girlfriend dumped him. His roommate moved out, with two days notice, leaving the unemployed Stoll with no one to help pay the rent on his Washington, D.C., apartment.

He was 25. It was Christmas week, 1995.

At the time, Stoll did what a lot of us in that situation might have done. He had a beer or 20 and OD'd on reruns of bad sitcoms.

Then he did something that very few of us would have: He decided to ride his bike around the world.

Because it's impossible to literally pedal around the world, Stoll figured he'd pedal the equivalent distance: 24,901.55 miles, covering large swaths of every continent except Antarctica.

After a warm-up ride across country,

he settled in San Francisco, where he spent four years preparing, saving money "and getting up the courage to go."

"I didn't have any idea if I'd die doing it," Stoll said. "I thought I had a high probability of being run over, getting sick, being robbed and mugged and thrown in prison."

"All those things happened, but I still survived."

He set out on Sept. 6, 2001. Five days

SEE **Bike, D4**

BIKE

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Through giving, others 'joined' his journey

later, when terrorists struck in the United States, he briefly mulled postponing the trip — then kept on pedaling: "I decided I'd be safer in Mexico," Stoll said.

Four years, 10 sets of tires, 25,752 miles and 48 countries later, Stoll has some harrowing — and heart-warming — tales to tell.

There was the time he was jailed in Zimbabwe for changing money on the black market. "I was sentenced to two months — or \$20," Stoll recounted. "I thought he said two months and \$20. I almost fainted."



When he was riding around the world, biker Scott Stoll often discovered the kindness of strangers. These Tibetan farmers invited him to sit down for lunch. *Scott Stoll photos*

He swam a crocodile-infested river in Nepal because there wasn't room for both him and his bike in the dugout canoe he'd hired: "The last thing I was going to do was be on one side of the river and let them be on other side with my bike," he said.

In Antigua, he was mugged and beaten by two armed men. "I ran," Stoll said. "I was pretty badly bruised, but the police told me I was lucky I wasn't killed. They said muggers don't negotiate terms."

While biking a rural road in northern Vietnam, he was struck head-on by a teenage lunatic playing chicken on a motor scooter. "Luckily I was just really sprained and bruised," Stoll said. "The guy on the scooter was unconscious. I'm not entirely sure he lived. I stood in the middle of the road until a bus stopped. They took me to Hanoi. I licked my wounds in a hotel for a week until I was feeling better."

Other low points of the trip were in Ecuador, where he suffered salmonella poisoning from eating cream cheese. In India, he got dengue fever: "I now know why they call it 'the bone-breaking disease,'" Stoll said. "The pain was excruciating. When I got out of bed, I felt like I was going to fall apart at the joints."

The literal high point of his trip was biking to the 17,700-foot base camp on Mount Everest. "There were a lot of days of acclimatization just getting there," Stoll said. "I got pretty used to going without air."

Other high points included falling in love in New Zealand. "I was so in love, one day I rode 32 miles out of my way to find an Internet cafe so I could read



At the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt, a camel driver shows Scott Stoll another way to get around in shifting sands.

Rider will share stories



Meet Scott Stoll from 2 to 4 p.m. net at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alcalá Park, University of San Diego. He'll talk about his around-the-world bike trip during the annual meeting of the San Diego Council of Hostelling International USA. The event is free. Info: www.sandiegohostels.org, or phone (619) 338-9981. Learn more about Stoll at www.theargonauts.com.

her e-mail," Stoll said. "Religious differences eventually ended the relationship. She was fundamental Baptist. I'm spiritual, but not religious."

"When you're traveling, you get kind of jaded by so many things to look at — but if you're not interacting, you get kind of bored and lonely. It was the kindness of the people I met and interacted with that astonished me."

"Once in Peru, these shepherds that were so poor they didn't even own a plastic bottle,

they found me camping on their property. They invited me to breakfast — in a mud hut with a thatched roof. All they had was dried potato soup and coca tea. They gave everything they had, so they could talk to me. That was more profound to me than Machu Picchu, Mount Everest or the Eiffel Tower."

Stoll said his travels taught him that humbly accepting the kindness of strangers can become a mutual gift.

"In India, people spent a day's wages so they could buy

you lunch — potatoes and rice, a cup of chai — just so they could talk to you."

"Even though I was a very rich man in comparison, they had a sense of pride and wanted to buy you lunch. You had to let them do it. It would have been very insulting if I had not let them feel they were contributing to my journey."

"You learn that. You turn a few people down, and they just sulk away or even get mad. You start accepting, and you see the happiness in their faces. My trip wasn't about me. It was about everyone I met."

And along the way, he got to know himself a little better.

"When I started out, I felt swamped, burdened with cultural baggage, childhood problems. I wanted to get rid of everything — to discover who I am, whatever that means."

"I'd say most people never even ask the question. Or they think there's some absolute answer. What I've discovered is that it's an ongoing process — discovering who you are. There's no absolute truth to life — except that there are no absolutes. I used to be looking for an answer, an ultimate truth. Now I realize it's up to me to create my own reality."

"I gave up feeling sorry for myself. I realized I enjoyed inspiring people — seeing the look on their faces when I told them what I was doing. Not that it was an ego trip for me. I felt ashamed of myself for being weak and depressed. They saw the possibilities. They saw it in their own lives."

And Stoll began to realize the possibilities in his life.

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At Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa, Scott Stoll marked another milestone in his bicycle trip around the world. *Scott Stoll*

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SEP 25 2006

Solar Energy Week to Shine Light on Ways to Save Money



**Activities to Include
Rides in Sun-Powered
Hybrids, Sports Cars**

BY AMY YARNALL

Alternative uses of the sun's rays have been heating up discussion for Solar Energy Week, hosted by the nonprofit San Diego Regional Energy Office.

The office provides information to promote using clean, sustainable and efficient energy technologies during the second annual Solar Energy Week, scheduled to run

Photo courtesy of San Diego Regional Energy Office

**Spectators listened to a presentation during
Solar Energy Week 2005.**

from Sept. 24 through 30.

The week's activities, including a family solar energy day, commercial solar tour and solar conference, are expected to draw more than 3,000 visitors.

The conference is scheduled for Sept. 27 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego.

"The things we are doing are playing into the California Solar Initiative," said Tom Geldner, director of marketing for the Regional Energy Office.

The initiative is part of a \$3 billion incentive program to encourage adoption of solar technologies in California.

"Our solar conference has a registration of 350 but we are looking to have dramatic increases in attendees," Geldner said.

Learning Can Be Fun

This year's Family Solar Day, set for Sept. 24, has been expanded to include games and prizes for children and presentations given by Diane Gruenich from the California Energy Commission and San Diego County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price.

'I'm very excited about the Solar Energy Week, it's something we've been working on for quite some time and I can't believe it's taken this long for us to get here.'

**— Pam Slater-Price
San Diego County Supervisor**

"I'm very excited about the Solar Energy Week, it's something we've been working on for quite some time and I can't believe it's taken this long for us to get here," Slater-Price said. "But we do need this, we need to make the commitment to using alternate energy sources."

During Family Solar Day, Slater-Price said visitors would learn ways to save energy, take rides in hybrid cars and participate in solar-powered car races.

"We have great need for energy and need to use the resources at our hands rather than pollute the air and increase our energy costs."

Financial Savings

Businesses can benefit from using solar energy, according to Slater-Price.


For example, the county of San Diego installed panels in the El Cajon library and the operations center in Kearny Mesa, which will result in savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

The Del Mar Fairgrounds installed photovoltaic cells that transform sunlight into energy, which can save them as much as \$500,000 a year.

"The Commercial Solar Tour, held Sept. 30, is sold-out, and there is a waiting list for it," Geldner said. The tour will stop at San Diego State University's physics building to see its new solar panel installation. The tour will include a look at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' training center in San Diego to see its electrical learning program.

"At the end of the week we are having a solar-themed wine tasting event," Geldner said, "featuring wines that are produced by Northern California wineries, which are powered by solar energy."

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It's Easy Being Green in San Diego; San Diego Green Conference ``Builds'' on Growing Importance of Sustainable Design; Keynote Speakers Include Hunter Lovins, Time Magazine's 2000 Hero of the Planet

--(BUSINESS WIRE)--San Diego Green:

WHAT: San Diego Green 2006 (www.sandiegogreen.org), San Diego's annual conference on green design, building and decision making, is expected to draw over 350 green professionals. The conference is presented jointly by the local chapters of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA). As land and resources become increasingly scarce, the sustainable design movement is growing. The conference and green product showcase will present green designers, builders and policymakers with the challenges faced by the building industry - which has a significant impact on natural resources - and the tools they can use to overcome these challenges.

WHEN: September 13 - 15, 2006
A complete schedule of events is available at www.sandiegogreen.org

Highlights:

Conference and Showcase: Thursday, September 14,
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

San Diego Green Building tour: Friday, September 15,
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**WHO / INTERVIEW
OPPORTUNITIES:**

Keynote speakers include Hunter Lovins, a world-renowned speaker and Time Magazine's 2000 Hero of the Planet; Alan Durning, Founder and Executive Director of the Sightline Institute - a sustainability organization based in the Pacific Northwest; and Steven Badanes, a Professor of Architecture at the University of Washington who has lectured on sustainable building practices at over 100 universities throughout North America and Europe.

Also speak with conference co-chairs Jean Zagrodnik and Gina Heng, who can share the importance and benefits of building green. With Southern California commercial and residential development on the rise, the time is now to educate and motivate regional builders, architects and policymakers. They can offer some valuable


insight into sustainable growth and how builders and architects can be stewards of the earth.

WHERE: Joan B Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
University of San Diego
San Diego, CA

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SEP 27 2006

CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT at the Shiley Theater, USD, Linda Vista, 619-260-7431. At 7 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 28**, Kenneth Himes, chair of the theology department at Boston College, will give a talk on Catholic social thought. Free.

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Wednesday

• "2006 San Diego Green Conference," Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Conference Rooms C and D. Runs through Friday. www.sandiego-green.org.



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Green building conference heading into town

By **SAM HODGSON**, The Daily Transcript

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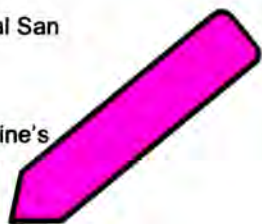
Enviro-friendly architects, developers and designers will descend upon San Diego next week for the annual San Diego Green Building Conference.

More than 350 "green professionals" are expected to attend the conference.

The event runs from Wednesday, Sept. 13 to Friday, Sept. 15 and features speakers such as Time Magazine's 2000 Hero of the Planet Hunter Lovins and University of Washington Professor Steven Badanes, who has lectured at more than 100 schools about sustainability.

The conference will be held at the Joan B Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego.

For more information, and a complete schedule of events, click [here](#).



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WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, SEPT. 13-15

SAN DIEGO GREEN 2006

*The San Diego chapters of the **United States Green Building Council** and the **San Diego Institute of Architects** is hosting San Diego Green 2006, a conference to explore green building strategies and green design thinking.*

- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. pre-conference workshop, Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. program, Friday morning bus tour
- Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, in San Diego
- Cost: \$170 members, \$200 nonmembers in advance
- Call (619) 273-9055 or visit www.sandiegogreen.org

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San Diego Solar Energy Week 2006, schedule of events includes Family Solar Energy Day, Sunday, September 24, noon-3 p.m., at San Dieguito County Park (1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive). Solar-powered car races, fuel cell and hybrid cars, solar oven baking, sun-drawing contest, Project Wildlife and Skyhunters volunteers, educational presentations. \$2 per car.

The Commercial Solar Tour 2006 is guided bus tour of local commercial businesses demonstrating various solar technologies and applications, with solar installers present to answer questions. Two tours offered on Tuesday, September 26, departing at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Free; advance registration required.

The Solar Conference 2006 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Explore changing landscape of solar legislation, trends, technologies, economics. Free; advance registration required. 866-SDENERGY. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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EVENT INFO

■ **Sunday, Sept. 24, noon to 3 p.m.** A variety of solar powered options will be on display, including solar-power car races and solar oven baking, at **Family Solar Energy Day** at San Dieguito County Park, 1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Del Mar. The cost is \$2 per car.

■ **Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** The free, four-hour **Commercial Solar Tour** will showcase various solar technologies of local businesses. Participants to meet at the San Diego Regional Energy Office, 8520 Tech Way, suite 110. Registration required.

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.** The free, all-day **San Diego Solar Energy Conference** will address legislation, trends, technologies and economics related to solar energy at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. Registration required.

■ **Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 a.m.** The seventh annual free **San Diego Solar Homes Tour** will feature more than 30 residences that utilize solar technologies. Registration required. Starting location to be determined.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL
EVENTS**

SAN DIEGO GREEN CONFERENCE at the J. Paulsson Institute for peace and Justice, USD campus, Linda Vista. From **Wednesday, Sept. 13, through Friday, Sept. 15**, join a conference exploring green design, green building strategies and green decision making. (www.sandiegogreen.org)

AHRC NEWS SERVICES

Press Release

San Diego District Attorney And Sheriff Kick Off Academy to Demystify Criminal Justice System for San Diego Citizens**Students will become familiar with the inner workings of the District Attorney's Office.**

September 13, 2006

By San Diego County District Attorney

SDan Diego, California -*Following is a press release from the Office of the San Diego District Attorney, Bonnie M. Dumanis*

Bonnie M. Dumanis, San Diego County District Attorney and Bill Gore, San Diego County Under Sheriff will kick off Academy to Demystify Criminal Justice System for San Diego Citizens prior to the start of the first class of a ten-week Citizens Academy scheduled to start on Thursday September 14, 2006 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego.

The first night's program which includes a discussion on Sex Offenders and Cold Case Homicide with District Attorney Division Chiefs Summer Stephan and Jeff Dusek.

The academy's goal is to give local residents insight and an overview of the criminal justice system. Students will become familiar with the inner workings of the District Attorney's Office. A diverse group of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Criminal Defense Bar and Superior Court will offer presentations to students of the Citizen's Academy. We hope to build a bridge of understanding and mutual respect between San Diego County residents and the criminal justice system.

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September 14

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

This is a 10-week course designed to engage diverse members of the San Diego community in participation, communication, and mutual learning and understanding of the criminal justice system. We are bringing together a diverse group of speakers from the District Attorney's office, judiciary, law enforcement, defense bar, and media. Our class members are community leaders and individuals with a strong sense of community and commitment to building bridges between criminal justice system and the citizens of the San Diego region. Sept. 14 through Nov. 16. From 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego CA 92110. Look up www.sdcda.org.

Athletics

SEP 17 2006

USD makes Elis pay for popping off

By Sean O'Rourke

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Motivation for USD's game yesterday at Yale started a year earlier when head coach-es Jim Harbaugh and Jack Siedlecki met at midfield after USD's three-point win at Torero Stadium.

"Their coach, Jack (Siedlecki), came up to us after the game and said, 'You have a great quarterback (Josh Johnson),' " Harbaugh bristled yesterday. "He missed the point. We're a great team. I would not take one player that they have over the players we have. I believe that strongly in our football team."

The words continued this week. Harbaugh said inspiration came easily as his team read what they perceived as lopsided local media reports after arriving in New Haven Thursday evening.

It was in the papers, the internet — just reading between the lines," Harbaugh said. "They said we had no running game, that our line was a plodding line. So we knew that that was their mindset, and their arrogance was their downfall."

Snub or not, Harbaugh's motivational tactics worked to perfection as USD rolled to a 43-17 win over Yale before 12,308 at Yale Bowl. The win improved the Toreros' record to 3-0 and increased their Division I-AA best winning streak to 11 games.

"We manhandled them," Harbaugh said. "It was a dominant performance by our football team."

Johnson was the leader. The spindly junior quarterback threw four touchdown passes, ran for another and completed 28-of-35 passes for 345 yards. His favorite target was junior receiver Wes Doyle, who hauled in three of the touchdowns and finished with eight receptions for 190 yards.

It turns out that Johnson was a ringleader in getting out Harbaugh's pregame message.

"When we came here we respected this team," Johnson said. "But once we got here, we lost all respect. We were disrespected all week in the media, saying how our line wasn't good, our running backs weren't good — so we came out and took it to a whole other level."

San Diego scored on four of five possessions in the first half and led 23-10 at the break.

Johnson toyed with the defense employed by Yale (0-1) all day. When he got time, Johnson picked apart the Bulldogs secondary. When he was flushed out of the pocket, he easily raced away from the linemen before eluding the Eli linebackers and secondary, again with ease.

"They're a good team, but (Johnson) is a great player. He makes that team great," Siedlecki said.

SUMMARY

USD 43, Yale 17

USD	7	16	13	7	-	43
Yale	0	10	7	0	-	17

First Quarter

USD-Doyle 20 pass from J.Johnson (Parker kick), 9:00.

Second Quarter

USD-J.Johnson 46 run (kick failed), 11:14.
Yale-Santorio 94 kickoff return (Kimball kick), 10:57.
USD-Rogan 2 run (Parker kick), 5:13.
USD-FG Parker 27, :40.
Yale-FG Kimball 48, :00.

Third Quarter

USD-Doyle 57 pass from J.Johnson (pass failed), 13:26.
Yale-A.Wright 43 pass from Polhemus (Kimball kick), 11:44.

USD-Ryan 3 pass from J.Johnson (Parker kick), :06.

Fourth Quarter

USD-Doyle 15 pass from J.Johnson (Parker kick), 2:10
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	USD	Yale
First downs	28	17
Rushes-yards	41-222	31-134
Passing	345	162
Comp-Att-Int	28-35-0	11-29-1
Return Yards	22	0
Punts-Avg.	1-41.0	5-28.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-11	3-21
Time of Possession	37:30	22:30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-USD: Rogan 23-102, J. Johnson 8-70, Feliczak 8-46, Polk 2-4. **Yale:** McLeod 18-63, Polhemus 8-54, Murray 4-15, Craig 1-2.

PASSING-USD: J. Johnson 28-35-0-345. **Yale:** Polhemus 11-28-1-162, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING-USD: Doyle 8-190, Hannula 5-45, Ryan 3-32, LeMarr 3-26, Rogan 3-11, Stivers 2-19, Matthews 2-13, Polk 1-5, Ramsey 1-4. **Yale:** Henley 6-69, A.Wright 3-62, Shooter 2-31.

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SEP 17 2006

USD cruises to 11th straight win

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Junior quarterback Johnson threw for touchdowns and yards, furthering the San Diego football team to a 43-17 win over Yale on Saturday.

Johnson completed 28-of-35 passes for 345 yards to lead the Toreros to their 11th straight win, the longest current streak in I-AA. Johnson also rushed for 70 yards on eight carries.

There is no question quarterback is a special player," Yale coach Jack Siedlecki said. "They've got a good core of receivers and are very skilled offensively."

Wide receiver Wes Doyle caught eight passes for 190 yards and three touchdowns, including a 57-yarder that put USD (3-0) up 29-10 on the opening drive of the second half.

"We manhandled them," Toreros coach Jim Harbaugh said.

The 43 points were the most surrendered by Yale (0-1) in an opener since Siedlecki's inaugural game against Brown in 1997. Yale lost that game 52-14.

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This year's Toreros look like '05 Toreros

By Jon Gold

SPECIAL TO THE UNION TRIBUNE

Chalk up USD's 27-0 win over Azusa Pacific last night to experience.

The Toreros had plenty of it. The Cougars, not so much.

Toreros

27

Azusa Pacific

0

In front of 4,467 fans at Torero Stadium, USD exploited first-year Azusa Pacific head coach Victor Santa Cruz's new offense, limiting the Cougars to just 84 yards in the first half while building a 20-0 lead.

The Toreros front seven could have pitched a tent in the Azusa Pacific backfield in pitching the shut-out, consistently bursting through the line with ease.

"We want people to leave this stadium saying that's the most physical football team they've seen in all the years of coming to Torero Stadium," said USD head coach Jim Harbaugh, whose team went 11-1 last season. "That was our goal tonight."

While the defense was certainly physical, the offense was more about finesse.

USD preseason All-America quarterback Josh Johnson threw for 138 yards and ran for 67 more, including two touchdowns. His impact in the ground game was both scripted and improvised, as much a credit to a moving pocket as to second nature.

"I was just playing with instincts today," Johnson said. "I would just drop back and go across my reads, and Coach says, 'If you see a running

lane, take it.'"

Despite the win, however, Johnson wasn't satisfied with the Toreros passing game.

"I'm bugged about it right now," Johnson said. "Our passing game is much better than we displayed today. Running is fine, but I like to pass more."

Azusa Pacific sophomore quarterback Ryan Bridges would've liked to have passed more, too. It might've happened had he not been running for his life.

Seeing his first action for the Cougars, Bridges looked every bit the young pup.

Entering the game midway through the second quarter, when starter Rudy Carlton went down with a thumb injury, Bridges was consistently pressured.

Fumbles, bumbles and Bridges crumbled, the icing on the cake coming by way of an interception in the end zone on third-and-goal from the 3-yard line after a 68-yard drive.

"(Coach Dave) Adolph called the perfect defense," said safety Chase McBride, who grabbed the ball from the air. "We stuffed the run on them both times to that side, and (cornerback) Josh Brisco and I knew he was going to pass it."

"The young quarterback didn't get a good throw on the ball, and I was fortunate enough to come up with it."

The Toreros — who also defeated Azusa Pacific in the season opener last season, 30-6 — next play Saturday against nonconference opponent Dixie State at Torero Stadium.

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Johnson should maximize time under Harbaugh

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By Todd McShay
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Jim Harbaugh is in the process of building a Division I-A football powerhouse as head coach of the University of San Diego. It also seems his tremendous knowledge of the quarterback position has rubbed off on junior Josh Johnson, who threw for 345 yards and four touchdowns in a 43-17 win over Yale last weekend.

Johnson has now thrown for 776 yards and rushed for another 145 yards after three games. The win over Yale was the Toreros' 11th straight victory. Johnson's impressive play has caught the attention of NFL scouts. In fact, there's already speculation that Johnson is entertaining the idea of leaving school early for the 2007 draft.

Although he displays enough potential to play at the next level, Johnson would be wise to return to San Diego for his senior season. He needs to add bulk to his 6-foot-3, 195-pound frame and he still has room to develop under the tutelage of Harbaugh.

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USD at Davidson

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Radio/Webcast: 100-AM
(delayed, 3 p.m. live)
www.usdtore.com (live)

Records: USD 3-0, Davidson 1-2

Series: Toreros lead 2-1

Outlook: This is the Pioneer Football League opener for both teams. The Toreros this past week received votes in the Division I-AA Top 25 poll. They are No. 1 in the I-AA Mid-Major poll. USD has won 11 consecutive games and 19 of 20. The Toreros could match the school record for consecutive wins (12 in 1980 and '81). During its 11-game winning streak, USD has outscored opponents by an average of 46.1 to 17.2. QB Josh Johnson is second in I-AA in total offense (307 ypg), fourth in passing efficiency and fifth in passing yards per game (258.7). USD ranks fourth nationally in total offense (442.7 ypg) and fourth in scoring defense (8.0) . . . Davidson's Wildcats are coming off their first win, 24-14 at Lenoir-Rhyne, as fullback Jonathan Hubbard ran for 144 yards and quarterback Ryan Alexander threw for two TDs . . . The PFL has scrapped its division format since last season, when teams were divided into North and South, in favor of round-robin play in one eight-team setup. The PFL champ will play in the Gridiron Classic on Nov. 18 against the winner of the Northeast Conference.

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SEP 10 2006

USD whistling dixie after rout

By Jon Gold
SPECIAL TO THE SAN-DIEGO TRIBUNE

Quarterback Josh Johnson led USD to the end zone on four of the Toreros' eight first-half possessions, beating Dixie State 41-7 last night at Torero Stadium. USD also sprinkled in two field goals, a punt and a goal-line stand during the first half.

"We just, technician-style, went and outexecuted them," USD coach Jim Harbaugh said after the game. "Both sides of the ball, and in special teams."

By the time Johnson exited midway through the fourth quarter, he'd accumulated 293 yards on 20-of-31 passes. Johnson found grooves with wide receivers Ben Hannula (seven receptions, 135 yards, one touchdown) and Wes Doyle (7-69-2).

SUMMARY

USD 41, Dixie State 7

Dixie State	0	0	0	7	-	7
USD	10	24	7	0	-	41

First Quarter

USD-FG Parker 36, 11:49.
USD-Doyle 14 pass from Josh Johnson (Parker kick), 10:10.

Second Quarter

USD-LeMarr 23 pass from Josh Johnson (Parker kick), 13:12.
USD-FG Parker 34, 9:12.
USD-Hannula 39 pass from Josh Johnson (Parker kick), 2:36.
USD-Doyle 7 pass from Josh Johnson (Parker kick), :07.

Third Quarter

USD-Josh Johnson 15 run (Parker kick), 7:41.

Fourth Quarter

DixS-Fields 5 run (Webster kick), 4:09.
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	DixS	USD
First downs	11	22
Rushes-yards	36-115	34-107
Passing	73	300
Comp-Att-Int	8-20-1	22-35-0
Return Yards	0	61
Punts-Avg.	8-32.0	3-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-21	3-26
Time of Possession	30:06	29:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Dixie State: Hikila 14-60, J. Ence 7-29, Pantolai 10-18, Fields 3-8, Southwick 1-1, Burk 1-(-1). USD: Rogan 12-40, D. Allen 4-33, J. Sutchar 2-12, Josh Johnson 9-8, Potik 2-7, Feliczak 3-6, Montgomery 1-2, Denton 1-(minus 1).

PASSING-Dixie State: Pantolai 4-13-1-28, Southwick 4-7-0-45. USD: Josh Johnson 20-31-0-293, Rolin 2-4-0-7.

RECEIVING-Dixie State: Hikila 3-16, Ashworth 2-14, S. Ence 1-30, Burk 1-8, Bayard 1-5. USD: Hannula 7-135, Doyle 7-69, Stivers 3-19, Ramsey 2-24, Rogan 1-32, LeMarr 1-23, D. Allen 1-(-2).

"That's us right there," said Johnson, who added a rushing touchdown. "That's how we should do it every week. Now, everything's starting to come out like it should."

Added Doyle: "Obviously, we've got a great quarterback out there. He puts the ball where only we can get it sometimes."

Johnson's performance was different from his season-opening performance against Azusa Pacific, a 27-0 USD win. Against the Cougars, Johnson found much of his success on the ground, rushing for 67 yards while passing for only 138 yards.

"This week, we got more focused and knew how serious it was," Johnson said.

The penchant for passing wasn't by accident, as Harbaugh and Johnson game-planned against the Rebels' big front seven.

"We scripted our first 17 plays, and all but four of them were passes," Harbaugh said. "They're just really big up front, and they brought the house. It was a blitz-fest, from beginning to end. The plan

was to wear out their bigger guys up front."

The Toreros defense also found success, limiting the visiting Rebels to only 19 yards of total offense in the first half.

"We know that there's not a lot of pressure, that if we get stopped, it's not the end of the world," Johnson said about the defense. "A couple years ago, when I was a freshman, it was like we had to score every time."

The Toreros kept the Dixie State passing game in check for four quarters, surrendering just 73 yards through the air on 8-of-20 passes by Rebels quarterbacks Lance Patonai and Danny Southwick.

"Our defense was smothering — turning headgears to the opposing goal line," Harbaugh said.

Although USD routed Dixie State, a Division II team in its first season up from the junior college ranks, the road gets a little tougher next week as the Toreros head to Yale for the Bulldogs' season opener.

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Toreros whistle Dixie St.

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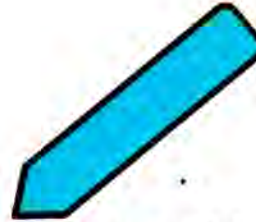
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The Toreros scored just once in the second half with Johnson capping an 8-play 49-yard drive with a 15-yard TD run midway through the third quarter.

It was his third rushing TD in two games. Dixie State avoided a shutout when Diarra Fields took a handoff from backup quarterback Danny Southwick and scored from five yards out with a little over four minutes left to play in the game.

Bo Hikila led the Rebels in rushing with 60 yards on 14 carries, while J.T. Rogan had 40 yards on 13 carries for the Toreros. San Diego has won 18 of its last 19 games with its last loss coming at Princeton (20-17) on Sept. 24, 2005.

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Toreros rout Rebels, 41-7

By MILOŠ BLAGOJEVIĆ
Special to The Spectrum & Daily News

SAN DIEGO - When the Dixie State football team decided to give Division-II football a shot, the coaches and players knew it wouldn't be easy.

Playing Division I-AA Mid-Major powerhouse University of San Diego on Saturday night didn't make matters better.

And USD junior quarterback Josh Johnson just made matters worse.

Johnson passed for 293 yards and four scores to go along with one rushing touchdown in just three quarters of work, guiding the Toreros to a 41-7 blowout at Torero Stadium in San Diego.

It was the second straight win to open the season for USD, ranked No. 1 in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major poll, and the third consecutive loss for Rebel head coach Ron Haun's squad, as it gets used to life without junior college opponents.

"This is the best team we've played by far," Haun said. "We haven't experienced anything like this. It's good to see how the other half lives. You just hope that you elevate to the level of play that you're playing against."

But for much of the game, it was Johnson who brought his high-level game.

A 2006 Preseason All-American and 2005 Sports Network First Team All-America selection, Johnson had a field day against a defensive unit that surrendered an average of 39.5 points in its first two games.

Johnson tossed USD's first touchdown in the first quarter, finding junior wide receiver Wes Doyle in the back of the end zone, one play after Rebels' junior quarterback Lance Pantonai fumbled the ball on his own 14-yard line.

But Johnson wasn't quite done.

In the second quarter, Johnson added three more scores - including a second to Doyle. Meanwhile, the Torero defense held Dixie State to one first down and 19 yards of total offense in the first half to take a 34-0 lead into halftime, effectively putting the game away early.

"Our quarterback was making plays - he's a playmaker, he's unbelievable," Torero coach Jim Harbaugh said. "You tell him something once, and you go out there and watch him make the play."

Harbaugh was equally impressed by his defense, which consistently got into the Dixie State backfield.

"Our defense was smothering," Harbaugh said. "They were turning headgears out to the opposing goal line."

Though the score may indicate otherwise, the Rebels had their moments on defense, too.

USD was held to a field goal on its first possession after Johnson overthrew Doyle in the end zone from the 19-yard line.

Two possessions later, Torero fullback Jon Polk was stuffed by a wall of Dixie State defenders on a fourth-and-goal attempt from the 1-yard line.

"They had three big plays in the first half," Haun said. "You take those three plays away, and our first half's not that bad."

Unfortunately for the Rebels, the anemic offense wasn't able to follow suit.

Pantonai went 2-of-9 for 14 yards in the first half, while junior running back Bo Hikila gained just 16 yards on six attempts.

The only score for Dixie State came during fourth-quarter garbage time, when sophomore tight end Diarra Fields ran it in from the 5-yard line with just over four minutes left in the game and most of USD's starters on the bench.

"It just gives our kids confidence," Haun said. "They'll see the film, see the good things and it reinforces what we're doing."

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Toreros Report

TODAY: vs. Dixie State College

■ **KICKOFF:** 6 p.m. at Toreros Stadium
■ **RECORDS:** Dixie State College, 1-0; University of San Diego, 0-0
■ **LAST MEETING:** First meeting
■ **AT A GLANCE:** USD, ranked No. 1 in the nation among Division I-AA mid-major schools by The Sports Network, showed why in its opener last week with a 27-0 victory over Azusa Pacific. The Toreros won their ninth straight on the strength of QB **Josh Johnson** and RB **JT Rogan**, who scored two touchdowns each, and a defense that limited Azusa Pacific to just 113 yards of total offense. Johnson completed 11-of-21 passes for 138 yards and rushed seven times for 67 yards and a pair of scores. Rogan carried the ball 18 times for a total of 55 yards with 2 scores. Senior CB **Josh Brisco** led the Toreros defensively with six tackles. ... Dixie State, a former junior college in St. George, Utah, is playing its first season as a four-year school at the NCAA Division II level. The Rebels have opened with two losses to Colorado schools — Mesa State and Adams State.

— Tom Shanahan

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Toreros' latest mantra: bigger, faster, stronger

Nine-game winning
streak on the line
tonight vs. Dixie St.

By Jon Gold

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

Notice a little change in the USD
football team?

The biceps a little bigger perhaps?

The triceps a little tighter maybe?

Head coach Jim Harbaugh sees it, and he's sure pleased about the change.

"We changed the makeup of this team," Harbaugh said. "Our players fill out their jerseys like never before. We're fired up."

"Bigger, faster, stronger players."

All three qualities were evident in the Toreros' season-opening 27-0 win over Azusa Pacific last Friday night.

Bigger at the line of scrimmage, where USD defenders bullied their way into the backfield consistently.

Faster at the skill positions, where quarterback Josh Johnson had 67 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Dixie State at USD

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...ards: Dixie State Rebels are
...; Toreros are 1-0.

Radio/Web cast: 1700-AM /
usdtoreros.com

Series: First meeting

Outlook: Dixie State, from St. George, Utah, is in its first year of Div. II football. It lost to Mesa State 42-14 and Adams State 37-7. Wide receiver Travis Brown has been the team's big-play man, with six receptions for an astonishing 263 yards (a 43.8 average) ... USD is coming off a 30-6 win over Azusa Pacific, its ninth straight win. The Toreros also have won 17 of their past 18 games.

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USD head coach

Stronger in the secondary, which limited Azusa Pacific receivers to just 37 yards.

Harbaugh credits the improvement to a dedication in the weight room, led by new strength coach Shannon Turley, who works with all Toreros teams.

Turley was hired in December from the University of Missouri, where he was assistant director of strength and conditioning.

"It's about making everybody better," said Harbaugh, whose team has won nine in a row dating to last season, when it was 11-1. "You want to be the strongest and fastest at your position, and they can see where they've gotten better. But our training is very specific to the game of football. Everything has a tie-in to what they have to do on the field."

Last week, USD (1-0) proved it, and the team sets out to make another statement tonight against Dixie State.

The Rebels are in their first year

as an NCAA Division II team, having ascended from the junior college ranks, and the jump hasn't been easy.

After a 37-7 loss to Adams State a week ago, Dixie State is 0-2 with an offensive game that's out of sync.

But Harbaugh isn't about to overlook the Rebels from St. George, Utah.

"They've been a powerhouse junior college," Harbaugh said. "A feeder to BYU, Utah and Utah State for years. There's no reason to look past Dixie."

Harbaugh prefers to stay focused on the Toreros. The third-year coach was especially excited about the team's improvement from Week 1 to Week 2, which he considers the most important stretch for a team.

"We've had a great week of practice," Harbaugh said. "Our focus was to improve from (weeks) one to two — there will be no other week with that much importance. There's just so much to get better at."

And he wasn't just whistling Dixie.

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Rebels not intimidated as they prepare for Toreros

By BOB HUDSON
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ST. GEORGE - Dixie State defensive back Ricky Dias knows his Rebels will be huge underdogs against the University of San Diego tonight.

It doesn't bother him.

"None of them are super-heroes," he said of the NCAA Division I-AA Toreros. "We have athletes here that could play at Division I schools. If they're faster, it's by a couple of tenths. If they're bigger, it's by a few pounds. The only way to beat a team of that caliber is to mentally prepare yourself.

"It does put a lot of pressure on our coaches to show they can compete," Dias added.

The teams play tonight at 7 p.m. MDT in Torero Stadium.

Jim Harbaugh, a former NFL quarterback, is San Diego's coach. His team, which went 11-1 last season, beat Azusa Pacific, an NAIA school, 27-0 last week. Dixie State, which is an NCAA Division II member, is 0-2 after losing to Adams State 37-7 last week.

The University of San Diego has won 14 straight home games.

"It's interesting to see the differing levels," Dias said. "We have a lot of good athletes. I'm excited to see what happens in the future."

DSC coach Ron Haun said of Dias, "he has been a really fierce competitor for us. He had a great game. He stepped it up on special teams and had a great kickoff return and an interception. And he clamped down on his guy."

Haun said this week's game and the one next week at Northern Arizona, another Division I-AA team, will be real challenges for his team.

"These next two weeks we've just got to hang in there," Haun said. "After playing two (Division II) teams, I feel good about the future."

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9/3	Azusa Pacific
9/10	Southern Oregon
9/17	Yale
10/8	Butler
10/22	Drake
11/5	Chapman
11/12	Marist
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Despite less than desirable results, Haun optimistic about future

It's never easy for a coach to face boosters following a loss.

Dixie State coach Ron Haun remains upbeat after his football team dropped its second straight, a 37-7 loss to Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., last Saturday.

On Tuesday Haun told members of the Dixie Colonels his team, which is making the transition from junior college to NCAA Division II, is making progress.

"This week we pass-blocked quite well," Haun said. "But we need to get our quarterback to understand that our guys are the ones in the white jerseys."

The Rebels committed seven turnovers in the game, four interceptions and three fumbles, thus putting the defense in tough situations over and over.

"Defensively we did step up," Haun said. "We eliminated the mental mistakes. If we can eliminate the mistakes on the offensive side, we're going to be a lot better."

"After playing two RMAC teams, I feel good about the future," Haun said. The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference is the league the Rebels want to be a member of for football. They have joined the Pacific West Conference for most sports, but soccer and baseball remain homeless. While the RMAC has 14 teams, only nine play football. DSC will play Mesa State, a team it lost to 42-14, in St. George on Oct. 7 to complete the RMAC portion of its schedule.

During the next two weeks the Rebels will be huge underdogs as they play NCAA Division I-AA teams from the University of San Diego and Northern Arizona, both on the road.

"It's going to be a real challenge for us to go down and play," Haun said of those games. "These next two weeks we've just got to hang in there."

After that Dixie State's schedule will feature other NCAA Division II teams or NAIA opponents.

The Rebel soccer team won three games against future Pac West opponents during a trip to Hawaii. Coach Linda Huddleston's squad will be home against Cal Baptist at 7 p.m. Thursday, then will travel to Orem to meet Utah Valley State at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Jeff Parker's volleyball team, which has a bye this weekend, went 1-3 in a round-robin classic at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

"We're learning really quick the things we need to change, the things we need to work on" said Brittney Hamilton, the volleyball team's athlete of the week of the transition from junior college to NCAA Division II.

Other players who received athlete of the week honors from the coaches and a corporate sponsor were George Allred and Megan Olpin in cross country and Ricky Dias in football.

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USD has a familiar first foe

Toreros hoping for replay of '05 opening victory

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

Josh Brisco can't forget his first taste of college football.

Standing on the sidelines of a sold-out Azusa Pacific stadium, the San Gabriel Mountains as the backdrop, Brisco — then a freshman redshirt — stood by helplessly as USD got handled by the bigger, faster and more physical Cougars, still seething from a loss to the Toreros a year earlier.

"That was my first experience, so I thought that was normal," the 6-foot-2, 200-pound cornerback remembered. "I still have a bad taste in my mouth from that."

It was the first of three straight seasons that started with Azusa Pacific, one of the nation's top NAIA programs, handing a season-opening loss to USD.

Then last year the Toreros stopped the Cougars' win streak on their way to their most successful year ever.

"I'd been waiting for that forever," said Brisco of the 30-6 victory. "We always play them before we play anybody else, and as far as I see it, it's a game we definitely want to win. It sets the tone for the rest of the season."

For the 10th consecutive year, Azusa Pacific will meet USD tonight, this one at Torero Stadium, in the season opener for both schools.

"They are a lot bigger than a lot of the teams we play, and a lot more physical," Brisco said. "That makes it more of a challenge and more fun to play, and more rewarding when we do beat them."

Last year's impressive defensive result — the first of a half-dozen games in which the Toreros' opponents scored 14 points or less — was an important factor in USD's 11-1 finish and Pioneer Football League championship.

Brisco admits USD's offense overshadows its defense. But it doesn't bother him.

"As long as we're getting what we need to get done and winning games, that's all we need," Brisco said.

Recruited as a running back out of Tucson Catalina Foothills, Brisco made the switch to defense early because of the team's abundance of running backs.

As he improved his skills, Brisco's perspective on what was important also has changed. "I most find it more rewarding (than playing offense)," said Brisco, twice an All-PFL honorable mention pick. "A lot of times, when a corner has one of his best games, he's not going to get noticed because the ball's not being thrown his way. He's not making huge plays, but he's still earning the respect (of the opposing team)."

USD head coach Jim Harbaugh describes Brisco, who recently was elected defensive team captain by his teammates, as an athlete who understands what it takes to be a dominant player.

Still, Brisco admits he actually considered not returning for what would have been his fifth year on the team.

"My parents had always pushed me to finish in four years," said Brisco, who could have graduated in June with a degree in communications and a minor in Spanish. "I was ready to do so, and it's not cheap to go here."

But even though he finished with 36 tackles (23 solo), and a team-best four interceptions, Brisco felt as if he had some unfinished business.

"I wasn't satisfied with my performance last year from start to finish," said Brisco, who hopes to pursue an internship in public relations during the season. "That wasn't the kind of season I thought I should have (to end a career). We had done great things, and we can do it bigger and better this year, and I wanted to be a part of that. I didn't want to leave this team. I have too much fun doing this to just leave it."

That fun begins again tonight.

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USD vs. Azusa Pacific

Site: Torero Stadium

Time: 7 tonight

Radio/Webcast: 1700

AM/www.usdtoreros.com

2005 records: USD 11-1, Azusa Pacific 6-4

Series: Cougars lead 21-17

Outlook: After dropping three in a row to Azusa Pacific, USD had a 30-6 victory last season. This year marks the 10th year in a row the schools have opened against one another. The Toreros are ranked No. 1 in the preseason I-AA midmajor poll, while APU is 11th in the NAIA poll.

— NICOLE VARGAS

USD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Today	AZUSA PACIFIC	7 p.m.
Sat, Sep. 9	DIXIE STATE	6 p.m.
Sat, Sep. 16	at Yale	9 a.m.
Sat, Sep. 30	at Davidson	9 a.m.
Sat, Oct. 7	BUTLER	2 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 14	VALPARAISO	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 21	at Drake	4 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 28	MOREHEAD ST.	4 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 4	at Jacksonville	9:30 a.m.
Sat, Nov. 11	DAYTON	6 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18	Gridiron Classic	TBA
Sat, Nov. 25	at UC Davis	1 p.m.

All HOME games played in Torero Stadium at Alcalá Park, USD.

USD projected lineup

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Class	Size
WR	Wes Doyle	Jr.	6-4/205
WR	Ben Hannula	So.	6-2/205
TE	Mitch Ryan	So.	6-5/225
LT	Spencer Hollison	Sr.	6-6/300
LG	Jamie McFarland	So.	6-4/225
C	Jordan Paopao	Jr.	5-11/292
RG	Gabe DeAnda	Jr.	6-0/275
RT	Andrew Kaestle	Fr.	6-4/260
QB	Josh Johnson	Jr.	6-3/195
FB	Jon Polk	Sr.	6-0/230
HB	JT Rogan	So.	5-10/190

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name	Class	Size
DE	Eric Bakhtiari	Jr.	6-4/256
DT	Eric Stern	Jr.	6-2/258
NG	Chris Gianelli	So.	6-1/280
DE	Jonathan Espe	Jr.	6-2/235
OLB	Ronnie Pentz	Jr.	6-3/225
MLB	Jared Forrester	So.	6-1/230
OLB	Tyler Evans	Jr.	6-2/225
CB	Josh Brisco	Sr.	6-2/200
CB	Gabriel Derricks	Fr.	6-1/173
SS	Chase McBride	Sr.	6-2/210
FS	Patrick O'Neill	So.	5-11/200

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Toreros fall

The 16th-ranked USC women's soccer team defeated visiting University of San Diego 2-0 in a nonconference match.

The Toreros (6-3) have lost back-to-back matches for the first time this season.

The Trojans (7-1-1) jumped to an early lead in the 10th minute when Rosa Anna Tantillo took a corner kick and sent the ball into a crowded goal box, where Lauren Brown redirected the ball with her head past USD

goalkeeper Brittany Cameron.

The Trojans added to their lead in the 83rd minute. Tantillo was on the receiving end of a pass and slipped the ball into the back of the net.




Soccer falls in San Diego

Devils suffer first defeat on the road

by Matthew Waggoner

published on Monday, September 25, 2006



The ASU women's soccer team had its season-long unbeaten streak snapped in San Diego Sunday. The Sun Devils (4-3-2) were shut out for the third time this year and suffered their second consecutive 1-0 defeat, this time at the hands of host University of San Diego. Despite outshooting the Toreros, ASU was unable to overcome a first-half deficit for the second time in a week. It was the third match the Sun Devils have lost by a single goal and the third shutout loss the team has suffered. The game's lone goal came in the 26th minute when ASU senior goalkeeper Kim Bingham was unable to deflect a cross away from her goalmouth. Toreros freshman midfielder Hallie Huston sent a cross through the Sun Devils' box and Bingham's hands that eventually found its way to an open senior midfielder Veronica Ambort on the back post of the ASU goal. Ambort capitalized on the Sun Devils' letdown, netting the game winner with her team-leading fourth goal of the season. Freshman Brittney Doty led in the ASU attack, getting off five shots, two of which were on the San Diego goal. Toreros sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Cameron made four saves in the bout and picked up her second shutout of the season. The Sun Devils are currently on their longest goalless streak of the season at just more than 200 minutes of play. ASU has not scored since junior Alissa Oldenkamp netted a ball in the 69th minute of its road game against Santa Barbara on Sept. 15. Sunday's match was the first time the Sun Devils have been held scoreless in consecutive games since October of last year. ASU will look to regain its stride this weekend when it hosts UNLV and the Mexico Women's National Team to end nonconference play.

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Women's Soccer

USD defeated Dayton 2-1 at the Pepperdine Tournament in Malibu. Hallie Huston and Christine Mock scored for the Toreros.

Irvine Upsets No. 22 San Diego

USD's four-match winning streak comes to an end with the 2-1 loss.

Sept. 17, 2006

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The 22nd-ranked University of San Diego women's soccer team was upset by UC Irvine, 2-1, this afternoon in a non-conference match at Torero Stadium.

With the loss, the Toreros fall to 6-2-0 and saw their four-match winning streak come to an end. With the win, UC Irvine improves to 2-5-0 on the season.

The Anteaters jumped out to an early lead as in the 44th minute of the match, Christine Gorospe hit a chip shot over the head of USD's starting goalkeeper Karen Cook from 18 yards out to give UCI a 1-0 lead going into the break.

The Anteaters then added to their lead in the 55th minute of the match when Frankie Kelly redirected a cross from Brittany Coffin with her head past USD's Brittany Cameron to give UCI a 2-0 lead.

This sparked a furious offensive attack by the Toreros and in the 60th minute of the match, the Toreros cut the deficit in half. Freshman Hallie Huston tallied her second goal of the season when she hit a hard shot from 25 yards out that flew into the back of the net. But the Toreros could come no closer, leaving the match at its final of 2-1.

USD out shot the Anteaters 14-6 and had a 8-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Cook was charged with the loss in goal for USD allowing one goal and recording four saves. Erin Henry was credited with the win for UCI as she allowed one goal and recorded seven saves.

The Toreros will return to the pitch on Friday as they head to Los Angeles to battle the Women of Troy in a 3 p.m. non-conference match on the campus of USC.

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San Diego Blanks UNLV

USD scored two second half goals to record the 2-0 win.

Sept. 15, 2006

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Senior Veronica Ambort and junior Leah Ann Robinson each tallied a goal in the second half to lead the 22nd-ranked University of San Diego women's soccer team to a 2-0 shutout win over UNLV Friday evening in a non-conference match at Torero Stadium.

With the win, the Toreros improve to 6-1-0 overall, have recorded back-to-back home shutouts and have won four consecutive matches. With the loss the Rebels fall to 2-4-1.

Both teams battled to a scoreless draw in the first half, despite the Toreros out shooting the Rebels 6-1. But USD would finally breakthrough in the scoring column in the 72nd minute of the match. Vanessa Vella took a corner kick for the Toreros and she skied a pass into a crowded goal box. The ball found the feet of Ambort and she punched the ball past the UNLV 'keeper for her third goal in as many matches to give USD the only goal they would need.

Robinson then sealed the victory in the 85th minute as she tallied her team-leading fourth goal of the season. Natalie Vinti took control of the ball in the midfield and sent a pass to a streaking Robinson who slipped behind the Rebels defense. Robinson then had a breakaway situation and rocketed the ball into the back of the net to put the game at its final of 2-0.

Brittany Cameron recorded her first shutout of the season in the net for the Toreros allowing no goals while recording one save. Alicia Lugo was credited with the loss for the Rebels allowing two goals and recording three saves.

The Toreros out shot the Rebels 13-1 and had an 8-0 advantage in corner kicks.

USD will return to the pitch on Sunday as they closeout their four-match home stand with a 12 p.m. match against UC Irvine at Torero Stadium.

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UCSD men win Redlands water polo tournament title

UNION-TRIBUNE

UCSD's men's water polo team defeated Whittier 15-5 and Redlands 9-5 yesterday to win the Inland Empire Tournament in Redlands with a 4-0 record.

A.J. Kotanjian and Ty Lackey scored three goals apiece against Whittier, and Lackey and Jesse Casellini scored three each against Redlands.

The Tritons are 8-0 on the season.

Women's soccer

UCSD routed visiting Idaho 3-0 on goals by Leigh Ann Robinson, Veronica Amvort and Jessica Larrabee. Goalkeeper Karen Cook had three saves in earning the shut-out. ... In La Jolla, UCSD defeated Cal Poly Pomona 2-1 in overtime. Ali Lai scored both goals for the Tritons. ... San

Diego State lost to UC Riverside 1-0 in Irvine.

Men's soccer

UCSD and Cal Poly Pomona tied 1-1 in double overtime.

Dustin Tannenhaus scored for the Tritons with less than four minutes remaining in regulation.

Tritons goalie Luis Salazar had six saves.

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Cal State Fullerton Men and Women's Soccer Updates

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Men's Soccer

The Titans play one more road match on Friday at UC Davis before getting to be the home team for the first time all season on Sunday afternoon vs. Maine.

The Titans came out of the Nike Invitational in Palo Alto over the past weekend with a 1-0 loss to Cal and a 1-1 tie with Stanford. Eugene Brooks picked a good time to get his first goal of the season, tying Sunday's match in the 77th minute. Fullerton played all weekend without freshman Gabriel Farfan due to his second red card a week ago and then lost leading scorer Michael Farfan in the 74th minute Sunday to a red card. He will have to sit out the Davis match but hopefully Coach Bob Ammann can get the talented twins on the pitch at the same time again on Sunday as the Titans face Maine for the first time in men's soccer.

Women's Soccer

A light week on the pitch begets an action-packed one for the Cal State Fullerton women's soccer team as the Titans make a return trip to San Diego tonight to take on San Diego State before making only their third-ever trip to the Lone Star State to take on a pair of nationally-ranked foes in Texas A&M and Texas.

It will be the first-ever meetings with the Aggies and Longhorns as Cal State Fullerton is 4-2 all-time against Texas teams (2-2 against ~~North~~ Texas and 1-0 against TCU and UTEP).

The Titans will be looking for a measure of revenge this week upon their return to America's Finest City after the University of San Diego handed them their first loss of the season.

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FLYERS FALL TO TOREROS IN CALIFORNIA

Dayton Will Try For First Win Of The Season At Home

Sept. 3, 2006

Box Score

Malibu, Ca - The Dayton women's soccer team wrapped up a trip out west with a loss as they fell to the University of San Diego Toreros 2-1 on Sunday afternoon in the Pepperdine Puma Classic. The loss sends the Flyers to 0-1-2 on the season.

USD jumped on the board first with a goal in the 24th minute in the first half. The Toreros beat the Flyers down the end line, eluding a defender, and finding Hallie Huston's head at the back post to take a 1-0 lead.

The lone UD goal of the match came off a corner kick in the 29th minute. Sophomore Annette Bonasso served a near-perfect corner to teammate Dara Elk who buried a header into the back of the net.

Looking to add a spark to his offense, UD head coach Mike Tucker shuffled the lineup bringing in freshman goalkeeper Tasha Dittamore and moving junior Niki Reed to the forward position. Fresh off her goal from the match against Pepperdine, Reed proved to be effective in the field, as she and her fellow Flyers combined for eight shots in the second half.

After a rough start in the first half, the Flyers regrouped and dominated play in the second half, outshooting the Toreros 8-2. Unfortunately, the one shot the Toreros were able to take on goal ended up in the net. As USD sent the ball wide in the midfield, it appeared junior Kristen Persichini had shielded the ball out of bounds. However, the Toreros were awarded with a thrown-in and quickly sent an attacking player down the field, catching the Flyers' defense off guard and sending a cross to Christine Mock who one-timed the ball with seven minutes remaining in the match, giving USD the game-winning goal.

Flyers junior goalkeeper Niki Reed along with freshmen forwards Mandi Back and Colleen Gibson were named to the Puma Classic All-Tournament.

The Flyers will look to put the season on a winning track in their home opener when they face the Michigan Wolverines on Friday, September 8. Game time is set for 2:00 p.m. ET at Baujan Field.

Puma Classic All-Tournament Team:

Dayton

Mandi Back, Colleen Gibson, Niki Reed

Ohio State

Lara Dickenmann, Lisa Collison, Lisa Grubb

San Diego

Leigh Ann Robinson, Christine Mock, Hallie Huston



Junior Dara Elk scored the lone goal for the Flyers in a 2-1 loss to the University of San Diego Toreros.

upset No. 15-ranked Missouri. McGiven had 21 kills and 14 digs against Missouri.

• Rachel Buehler (Torrey Pines) received a spot on Soccer America magazine's preseason All-America squad, then backed it up as she was named to the Soccer Buzz national team of the week in the season's opening week. A senior defender at Stanford, Buehler led the Cardinals defense to shutouts of Rutgers and Long Island. Plus, she had an assist on the game-winning goal against Long Island.

• Sarah Munoz (Santa Fe Christian), a sophomore at Virginia Tech, collected 46 kills and 29 digs in three matches and was named to the Auburn/Mississippi Volleyball Challenge all-tournament team.

• Leigh Ann Robinson (Mt. Carmel), a junior midfielder at the University of San Diego, was named to the all-tournament team at the Puma Classic. She had the team's lone goal in a loss to Ohio State and had an assist in a win over Dayton.

• Rachel-Rose Cohen (Torrey Pines), a senior defender on the Duke women's soccer team, was named to the all-tournament team at the Duke Adidas Classic.

• Lauren Machanis (Carlsbad) was named honorable mention on the 2006 Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches All-American team. A goalkeeper, she finished her sophomore season at UC Irvine with 291 saves, second in the nation, and averaged 10.4 saves per match.

• Alex Haynes (Valley Center) finished last women's water polo season at Redlands with a 3.20 grade-point average and earned a spot on the 2006 Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches All-Academic team.

Around campus

• Freshman Lucy McGovern (Cathedral Catholic) shot a 78-77----155 to help Loyola of Chicago to a third-place finish in the 10-team Western Illinois Autumn Invitational. Individually, she tied for seventh, just three shots off the lead. In five rounds this fall, McGovern has a team-best 81.2 average.

-- John Maffei's Alumni Report appears every other Monday through the college season. He can be reached at (760) 740-3547, by fax at (760) 740-5045 or at jmaffei@nctimes.com. Readers are urged to submit information on former North County prep athletes.

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LOCAL COLLEGES

Unranked USD continues to win

By Mark Zelgler
STAFF WRITER

Soccer America, Soccer Times and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America have top-25 rankings. *College Soccer News* has a top-30.

Don't bother looking for the University of San Diego men's soccer team in any of them.

The Toreros improved to 6-1 last night with a 1-0 home victory against Portland in their West Coast Conference opener. They entered the weekend No. 1 in NCAA Division I in scoring at 4.0 goals per match. Ten different players have goals. They beat one team 11-0. They've allowed three goals in seven matches. They're 6-0 at home with five shutouts.

And they're not ranked. Anywhere.

"Yeah, it really bothers us," senior co-captain Kevin Meissner said. "It's kind of like we're in this little bubble here in San Diego, and no one pays any attention to us ... We see teams on (the rankings) that we know we're better than, and it's like, 'Come on.'"

Added Michael Caso, the other captain: "I don't really understand it. But if we keep winning games, eventually they'll have to rank us."

Right?

"It's an East Coast bias," Portland coach Bill Irwin said. "It concerns me because on the West Coast there are a lot of very, very good teams, and they don't get the respect they deserve."

The Toreros nearly didn't get the victory they so richly deserved last night, squandering several scoring chances that forced them to hang on for dear life in the waning minutes against the Pilots (2-2-2).

Star freshman Ciaran O'Brien scored the match's lone goal in the 24th minute on a play that was equal parts fortune and footwork. Portland goalkeeper Luis Robles charged out to clear a ball, only for it to bang off O'Brien and roll toward the endline left of goal.

O'Brien raced to the ball, juked a defender and threaded in a pass from the tightest of angles. It was the type of stuff you saw five days ago against Rider University (N.J.), times 11, when the Toreros erupted for a school-record 11 goals against a respectable team that had tied San Diego State two years earlier. Even the loaded '92 USD team, which reached the NCAA final, only managed nine goals in a single match.

The Toreros might have played even better at times last night, dominating stretches of the match — only to bang a shot off the post or miss an open net wide left.

"We should have been up 4-0 if my forwards could hit the side of a barn," USD coach Seamus McFadden said. "Our finishing is not consistent. It's feast or famine. It's so exasperating."

Gonzaga is next, tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at Torero Stadium. It's a match the Toreros have waited nearly a year to play, providing motivational fuel perhaps even greater than the rankings snub.

Late last season, USD led Gonzaga 2-0 with 22 minutes to play. And lost 3-2, likely costing it an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"Huge motivation," Meissner said. "Every week that game comes up in conversation."

More soccer

La Jolla High alumna Rosa Anna Tantillo had a goal and an assist for USC in its 2-0 victory against visiting USD. USC is 7-1-1, USD 6-3. ... McKenzie Hill scored in the 79th minute to lift the No. 28 Pepperdine women over visiting San Diego State 1-0 ... The Stanford men beat visiting SDSU 2-1 in the Pac-10 opener for both schools. Evan Toft scored in the 71st minute for the Aztecs (4-3-1, 0-1-0). The Cardinal is 3-4-2, 1-0-0 ... Dominican University of California scored three first-half goals en route to a 4-1 win over visiting San Diego Christian.

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More soccer

■ The University of San Diego men's team posted a 3-1 home victory over UC Riverside. The Toreros (3-1) held a 1-0 lead into the 82nd minute, then scored twice in a span of 67 seconds. Tannen Wels and Ciaran O'Brien

scored to break the game open. Ben Oliver scored in the 85th minute to help the Highlanders (3-4) avoid a shutout. Nick Leonard tallied the first goal in the 50th minute. Dustin Guerrero assisted on USD's first two goals.


■ The USD women's team moved into the rankings. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America ranks USD (5-1) No. 22 in the nation.

Penalty Kick Dooms Men's Soccer

Loyola Marymount takes WCC opener 1-0

Sept. 22, 2006

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Box Score

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Brad Stisser scored the game's only goal on a penalty kick as Gonzaga University's men's soccer team dropped a 1-0 decision to Loyola Marymount University in the West Coast Conference opener for both teams.

The loss snapped a two-match winning streak for the Bulldogs (3-3-1; 0-1-0). Gonzaga was idle last weekend after taking a pair of matches at Oregon State University in winning the Stephen Hensor/Joe Zaher Memorial Classic the previous weekend.

LMU (5-3-0; 1-0-0) held a 14-3 shots advantage over the Bulldogs, including a 6-0 advantage in shots on goal.

The decisive play came when Junior Ybarra served in a corner kick that bounced into the Gonzaga box, and a Bulldog player got a hand on the ball. The referee whistled for the penalty kick and Stisser stepped in. His shot to the right went past Higgins who dove to the left.

Until then the Lions had their best chance to score late in the opening period as all three of LMU's first-half shots on goal came in the final five minutes of the half. Stisser and Diego Souza forced Gonzaga goalkeeper Vito Higgins to make big saves to keep the game scoreless at intermission.

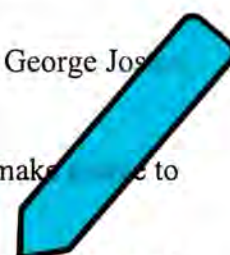
Freshman Tye Perdido had all three Gonzaga shots as the LMU defense clamped down on junior George Jos who entered the match with six goals in as many matches and a team-leading 15 points.

Higgins made five saves in net for the Bulldogs, and LMU keeper Robert Flores did not have to make a save to record his second shutout of the season.



Vito Higgins was the hard-luck keeper for the Bulldogs on Friday.

Gonzaga will continue its southern California road swing Sunday with a 2:30 p.m. match at the University of San Diego.



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Volleyball

San Diego State swept **Lipscomb** at the Fullerton Invitational 30-23, 30-16, 30-25 with Melanie Greene's 16 kills and 12 digs leading the way. Lindsey Mahan and Andrea Dent both had 11 kills with Dent also adding five blocks and four aces ... **USD** beat **Brown** 30-21, 30-23, 30-25 in USD Invitational play. Jessica Nyrop had 37 assists for the Toreros. In the tournament's championship match, No. 11 **Wisconsin** beat the Toreros 21-30, 30-21, 30-23, 30-26. Kristen Carlson had 16 kills to lead USD.

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AGGIE VOLLEYBALL

NMSU volleyball off to 10-0 start

By Felix Chavez/Assistant Sports Editor
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — The beat goes on for the New Mexico State volleyball team

A day after a thrilling five-game win against a very good University of San Diego squad, the Aggies improved to 10-0 with a 30-20, 30-13, 30-15 win against Akron on Saturday at Las Cruces High to cap the Hilton Las Cruces Classic with a 4-0 record.

"We played well, we got a couple of nice wins against good teams and we played like a veteran team," said NMSU head coach Mike Jordan. "We didn't take any points off. We are a good, physical team and we are very athletic. Our defense is very good right now."

The Aggies controlled the action on Saturday in every aspect. New Mexico State hit .367 as a team, held Akron to a negative .017 hitting percentage and had four players with at least eight kills.

Senior outside hitter Alice Borden led the way for NMSU with 11 kills, tournament Most Valuable Player and middle blocker Amber Simpson had 10 kills, middle blocker Kim Oguh added nine kills and a .900 hitting percentage and outside hitter Anna Callis chipped in with eight kills and a .727 hitting percentage.

The Aggies also got a solid showing out of Mary English. She had a team-high 16 digs and had three kills.

"We're getting contributions from so many people," said Jordan. "Kids are stepping up and making plays. I thought we handled the ball well, we still need to work on our serving."

The Aggies beat Wyoming and Idaho State in addition to San Diego and Akron. New Mexico State had very little trouble on Saturday, trailing just twice early in Game 1. New Mexico State had just 11 hitting errors on the day and also got 35 assists from senior setter Jackie Choi.

"We're doing a lot of good things," said Oguh. "We really stepped up our effort this weekend. It was nice to get the win against San Diego and we followed that up with a good effort against Akron. Things are coming together for us."

With a 10-0 mark, New Mexico State hopes to break into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 poll next week. The Aggies received 22 votes in last week's poll.

New Mexico State hits the road on Monday for a match at I-25 rival New Mexico beginning at 7 p.m.

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PLNU men's soccer team edges Menlo for victory

UNION-TRIBUNE

Point Loma Nazarene University finished a successful Westminster Tournament yesterday in Salt Lake City, edging Menlo College 2-1. Behind 1-0 early, PLNU's Duach Jock (Mission Bay High) scored in the 67th minute off an Adam Sonney assist to even the score at 1-1. In the 82nd minute Brad Lewis (Monte Vista) headed in a ball for the Sea Lions (5-1).

More soccer

Poway High alumnus Kraig Chiles scored two goals and assisted on another to lead the **San Diego State** men's soccer team to a 4-2 victory over UNLV (0-4-1) at SDSU Sports Deck. The Aztecs are 3-2 ... The **Cal State San Marcos** men's team beat **Pomona Pitzer** 1-0 in two overtimes as Bradley Seidenglanz scored in the 108th minute.

CSUSM is 4-1 ... The **PLNU** women's team shut out **CSUSM** 4-0 as Alex Fuller scored twice and Becky Torres and Christine Grover each added one goal for the Sea Lions (3-1). The Coyotes fall to 1-4.

Volleyball

Christie Dawson, Kara Murphy and ... Grahamson (11 ea ... registered double-digs to help lead the **USD** women to a sweep over **Idaho State** (4-8) in their final match of the Hilton Las Cruces Classic in New Mexico, taking care of the Bengals 30-22, 30-27, 30-27. Jessica Nyrop had 45 assists and 14 digs for the Toreros (7-3) ... No. 8-ranked **UCSD** (8-1, 3-1 California Collegiate Athletic Association) lost for the first time, 30-25, 30-22, 30-20, to No. 24 **Chico State** at RIMAC Arena. The Wildcats are 7-1, 3-1.

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USD tops Idaho State

The University of San Diego women's volleyball team rolled to a 30-22, 30-27, 30-27 win over Idaho State in the Toreros' final game of the Hilton Las Cruces Classic in New Mexico. USD is 7-3.

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Volleyball

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More volleyball

Christine Dawson's 19 kills and Kristen Carlson's fourth double-double (20 kills, 17 digs) of the season helped **USD** beat **Wyoming** 27-30, 30-14, 30-28, 30-18 at the Hilton Las Cruces Classic in **New Mexico**. The Toreros' Jessica Nyrop had 59 digs. The Toreros (6-3) later lost to New Mexico State 28-30, 30-23, 30-32, 30-27, 17-15. In that match, Carlson had 29 kills, Dawson 19 and Nyrop 55 aces with 13 digs ... **Oregon State** beat **SDSU** 19-30, 30-24, 30-24, 34-32 in a match at OSU. Melanie Greene had 19 kills and Stephanie Darnall added 16 kills and 18 digs, while Leah Lathrop had 43 assists for the Aztecs (4-4). OSU is 2-6.

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USD gets donation

The University of San Diego has received \$50,000 for the "Golf: For Business and Life Program," thanks to a designation by Mickelson. Each U.S. team member has designated \$100,000 to the schools of his choice, through the PGA of America, for the program (at 59 schools across the nation).

Mickelson, whose brother, **Tim**, is golf coach at USD, donated \$50,000 to USD and \$50,000 to Arizona State, Phil's alma mater. The "Golf: For Business and Life Program" educates students on how they can use golf as a business tool.

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2006 U.S. Ryder Cup Team Supports Charities and Golf: For Business & Life Programs With \$2.6 Million Donation

Tuesday September 19, 4:34 pm ET

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla., Sept. 19 /PRNewswire/ -- When Captain Tom Lehman leads the United States Ryder Cup Team into the 2006 Ryder Cup in Ireland this Friday, 30 U.S.-based charitable organizations and students at 19 colleges and universities nationwide will benefit from their play. On behalf of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team, The PGA of America will distribute \$2.6 million to designated charities and colleges and universities chosen by the U.S. Captain and players.

Each U.S. Ryder Cup Team participant, as well as U.S. Captain Tom Lehman, are contributing \$100,000 to the college/university of their choice, with an additional \$100,000 directed to the charity of their choice (See player contributions list attached.)

Since the Ryder Cup Outreach Program began in 1999, a total of \$10.4 million has been donated on behalf of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team and Captain. This year, along with the Golf: For Business & Life Program, charities such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Rita Foundation for Breast Cancer and American Cancer Society will all be recipients of charitable donations, in addition to many community-based charities from the hometowns of the team members.

The 36th Ryder Cup will be played Friday-Sunday, Sept. 22-24, at The K Club in Straffan, County Kildare, Ireland.

"One of the special perks that comes with serving as Captain or playing on the U.S. Ryder Cup Team is the opportunity to give back to the game of golf by supporting the college or university of one's choice with the Golf: For Business & Life Program," said U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain Tom Lehman. "This is an excellent vehicle to grow the game, and I'm very pleased to have had this chance to extend my support through both my competing in 1999, and as Captain of this year's Team."

Taught by PGA Professionals, Golf: For Business and Life was established in 1999 at Purdue University. The program was founded by golf course architect Pete Dye and his wife, Alice, a noted amateur golfer and former member of The PGA of America Board of Directors. Since its establishment, more than 22,000 juniors, seniors and graduate students have participated in the program, and initial surveys revealed that 95 percent of the students who participated in Golf: For Business and Life indicated they would continue to play golf.

This year, a total of 19 colleges/universities will receive funds totaling \$1.3 million to help introduce golf to college juniors and seniors. With this latest contribution, the program is being offered at 59 universities nationwide.

"As we cheer on our U.S. Ryder Cup Team in the most compelling competition in golf, we also are celebrating the difference that these players make to both supporting the future of the game and to charities within their respective communities," said PGA of America President Roger Warren. "The Ryder Cup Outreach Program has served many communities, colleges and universities as a premier growth of the game initiative."

A total of 101 player-designated charities and 26 colleges and universities have received funding from the 1999, 2002, 2004 and 2006 U.S. Ryder Cup Captains and Teams.

Golf: For Business and Life is one of several programs designed to grow and stimulate adult participation in the game of golf under Play Golf America (www.playgolfamerica.com), a national marketing umbrella campaign that is led by The PGA of America and supported by the golf industry.

Golf: For Business and Life is a PGA of America college initiative designed to teach and improve the golf skill of college juniors, seniors and graduate students through instruction provided by PGA Professionals. The successful program educates students, regardless of their chosen career, on how they can use golf as a business tool as they enter the professional world. Local business leaders are also asked to address students on how golf has enhanced their business.

36th Ryder Cup Player Charity Distribution

TOM LEHMAN (Captain)		
Charities:	The Lehman Family Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Cal Poly State University	
	-San Luis Obispo	\$50,000
	University of Minnesota	\$50,000
TIGER WOODS		
Charities:	Tiger Woods Learning Center	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Stanford University	\$100,000
PHIL MICKELSON		
Charities:	Phil & Amy Mickelson Charity Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Arizona State University	\$50,000
	<u>University of San Diego</u>	\$50,000
JIM FURYK		
Charities:	Mal Washington Kids Foundation	\$20,000
	Monique Burr Foundation	\$10,000
	Ponte Vedra Athletic Association	\$10,000
	Rita Foundation for Breast Cancer	\$10,000
	FORE Hope	\$10,000
	University of Arizona Foundation	
	-Golf Dept.	\$20,000
	The Ohio State University	\$20,000
Universities/Colleges:	University of Arizona	\$100,000
CHAD CAMPBELL		
Charities:	The Chad Campbell Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	UNLV	\$25,000
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	Odessa College	\$25,000
	Midland Junior College	\$25,000
DAVID TOMS		
Charities:	David Toms Charity Foundation	\$100,000
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CHRIS DIMARCO		
Charities:	Lake Mary Preparatory School	\$20,000
	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	\$20,000
	American Cancer Society	
	(Norma DiMarco Fund)	\$60,000
Universities/Colleges:	University of Florida	\$100,000
VAUGHN TAYLOR		
Charities:	American Cancer Society	
	- So. Atlantic Div.	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Augusta State University	\$100,000
J. J. HENRY		
Charities:	The Henry House Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Texas Christian University	\$100,000
ZACH JOHNSON		
Charities:	The National Christian Foundation	
	Johnson Family Fund	\$100,000

Universities/Colleges:	Drake University	\$100,000
BRETT WETTERICH		
Charities:	Big Oak Ranch	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Wallace State University	\$100,000
STEWART CINK		
Charities:	Greater Atlanta Christian School	\$47,500
	Healing Place	\$20,000
	Big Oak Ranch	\$10,000
	Pregnancy Resource Center	\$10,000
	Search Ministries	\$10,000
	City to City Ministries	\$2,500
Universities/Colleges:	Georgia Institute of Technology	\$100,000
SCOTT VERPLANK		
Charities:	Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund	\$20,000
	The Next Level OSU Fund	\$20,000
	Oklahoma Christian School	\$20,000
	First Presbyterian Church of Edmond, Okla.	\$20,000
	Oklahoma State University Golf Team	\$10,000
	McGee-Verplank-Watts Foundation	\$10,000
Universities/Colleges:	Oklahoma State University	\$100,000

Celebrating its 90th anniversary, The PGA of America was founded in 1916, and is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the game of golf, while continuing to enhance the standards of the profession. The Association is comprised of more than 28,000 men and women PGA Professionals who are dedicated to growing participation in the game of golf.

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2006 U.S. Ryder Cup Team Supports Charities and Golf

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When Captain Tom Lehman leads the United States Ryder Cup Team into the 2006 Ryder Cup in Ireland this Friday, 30 U.S.-based charitable organizations and students at 19 colleges and universities nationwide will benefit from their play. On behalf of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team, The PGA of America will distribute \$2.6 million to designated charities and colleges and universities chosen by the U.S. Captain and players.

Each U.S. Ryder Cup Team participant, as well as U.S. Captain Tom Lehman, are contributing \$100,000 to the college/university of their choice, with an additional \$100,000 directed to the charity of their choice (See player contributions list attached.)

Since the Ryder Cup Outreach Program began in 1999, a total of \$10.4 million has been donated on behalf of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team and Captain. This year, along with the Golf: For Business & Life Program, charities such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Rita Foundation for Breast Cancer and American Cancer Society will all be recipients of charitable donations, in addition to many community-based charities from the hometowns of the team members.

The 36th Ryder Cup will be played Friday-Sunday, Sept. 22-24, at The K Club in Straffan, County Kildare, Ireland.

"One of the special perks that comes with serving as Captain or playing on the U.S. Ryder Cup Team is the opportunity to give back to the game of golf by supporting the college or university of one's choice with the Golf: For Business & Life Program," said U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain Tom Lehman. "This is an excellent vehicle to grow the game, and I'm very pleased to have had this chance to extend my support through both my competing in 1999, and as Captain of this year's Team."

Taught by PGA Professionals, Golf: For Business and Life was established in 1999 at Purdue University. The program was founded by golf course architect Pete Dye and his wife, Alice, a noted amateur golfer and former member of The PGA of America Board of Directors. Since its establishment, more than 22,000 juniors, seniors and graduate students have participated in the program, and initial surveys revealed that 95 percent of the students who participated in Golf: For Business and Life indicated they would continue to play golf.

This year, a total of 19 colleges/universities will receive funds totaling \$1.3 million to help introduce golf to college juniors and seniors. With this latest contribution, the program is being offered at 59 universities nationwide.

"As we cheer on our U.S. Ryder Cup Team in the most compelling competition in golf, we also are celebrating the difference that these players make to both supporting the future of the game and to charities within their respective communities," said PGA of America President Roger Warren. "The Ryder Cup Outreach Program has served many communities, colleges and universities as a premier growth of the game initiative."

A total of 101 player-designated charities and 26 colleges and universities have received funding from the 1999, 2002, 2004 and 2006 U.S. Ryder Cup Captains and Teams.

Golf: For Business and Life is one of several programs designed to grow and stimulate

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adult participation in the game of golf under Play Golf America (www.playgolfamerica.com), a national marketing umbrella campaign that is led by The PGA of America and supported by the golf industry.

Golf: For Business and Life is a PGA of America college initiative designed to teach and improve the golf skill of college juniors, seniors and graduate students through instruction provided by PGA Professionals. The successful program educates students, regardless of their chosen career, on how they can use golf as a business tool as they enter the professional world. Local business leaders are also asked to address students on how golf has enhanced their business.

36th Ryder Cup Player Charity Distribution

TOM LEHMAN (Captain)

Charities:	The Lehman Family Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Cal Poly State University	
	-San Luis Obispo	\$50,000
	University of Minnesota	\$50,000

TIGER WOODS

Charities:	Tiger Woods Learning Center	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Stanford University	\$100,000

PHIL MICKELSON

Charities:	Phil & Amy Mickelson Charity Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Arizona State University	\$50,000
	University of San Diego	\$50,000

JIM FURYK

Charities:	Mal Washington Kids Foundation	\$20,000
	Monique Burr Foundation	\$10,000
	Ponte Vedra Athletic Association	\$10,000
	Rita Foundation for Breast Cancer	\$10,000
	FORE Hope	\$10,000
	University of Arizona Foundation	
	-Golf Dept.	\$20,000
	The Ohio State University	\$20,000
Universities/Colleges:	University of Arizona	\$100,000

CHAD CAMPBELL

Charities:	The Chad Campbell Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	UNLV	\$25,000
	Texas Tech University	\$25,000
	Odessa College	\$25,000
	Midland Junior College	\$25,000

DAVID TOMS

Charities:	David Toms Charity Foundation	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Louisiana State University	\$100,000

CHRIS DIMARCO

Charities:	Lake Mary Preparatory School	\$20,000
	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	\$20,000
	American Cancer Society	
	(Norma DiMarco Fund)	\$60,000
Universities/Colleges:	University of Florida	\$100,000

VAUGHN TAYLOR

Charities:	American Cancer Society	
	- So. Atlantic Div.	\$100,000
Universities/Colleges:	Augusta State University	\$100,000

J. J. HENRY
 Charities: The Henry House Foundation \$100,000
 Universities/Colleges: Texas Christian University \$100,000

ZACH JOHNSON
 Charities: The National Christian Foundation
 Johnson Family Fund \$100,000
 Universities/Colleges: Drake University \$100,000

BRETT WETTERICH
 Charities: Big Oak Ranch \$100,000
 Universities/Colleges: Wallace State University \$100,000

STEWART CINK
 Charities: Greater Atlanta Christian School \$47,500
 Healing Place \$20,000
 Big Oak Ranch \$10,000
 Pregnancy Resource Center \$10,000
 Search Ministries \$10,000
 City to City Ministries \$2,500
 Universities/Colleges: Georgia Institute of Technology \$100,000

SCOTT VERPLANK
 Charities: Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund \$20,000
 The Next Level OSU Fund \$20,000
 Oklahoma Christian School \$20,000
 First Presbyterian Church
 of Edmond, Okla. \$20,000
 Oklahoma State University Golf Team \$10,000
 McGee-Verplank-Watts Foundation \$10,000
 Universities/Colleges: Oklahoma State University \$100,000

Celebrating its 90th anniversary, The PGA of America was founded in 1916, and is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the game of golf, while continuing to enhance the standards of the profession. The Association is comprised of more than 28,000 men and women PGA Professionals who are dedicated to growing participation in the game of golf.

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Younger Mickelson thrives under renewed am status

Golf World

Phil Mickelson's younger brother Tim, 29, recently slammed the competition in the club championship at The Farms in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., his first event since regaining his amateur status.

Mickelson won by 11 strokes against a field that included former California Amateur champ Ed Cuff. Mickelson, who set a tournament course-record 67 in the second round, rose up his aspirations to play the PGA Tour in 2001 and has replaced them with lofty amateur ambitions.

"I would rather play in the Masters than the PGA Championship," he said of his new focus: winning the U.S. Amateur or U.S. Mid-Amateur in an attempt to get to Augusta.

Mickelson, who played at Arizona State and Oregon State, also would like to make a Walker Cup team but knows that, as the head coach of the University of San Diego golf team, time to work on his own game is somewhat limited.

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**WOMEN'S
COLLEGE
BASKETBALL**

Toreros announce schedule

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

A visit from Georgia Tech and a showdown with another perennial power, the rising talent Oregon State highlight the 2006-07 USD women's basketball schedule, which was announced yesterday.

"We have a great schedule this year, and it is going to be super-competitive," said Toreros coach Cindy Fisher.

After opening at Cal State Northridge on Nov. 10, USD plays 10 of its next 12 games in Jenny Craig Pavilion.

That includes a Nov. 19 date with cross-town rival San Diego State and a Nov. 24 visit from Georgia Tech. Texas, Oregon State and Holy Cross round out the field for the Surf N' Slam Tournament on Dec. 28 and 30.

West Coast Conference play opens on Jan. 7 against San Francisco.

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USD releases schedule

The University of San Diego women's basketball team released its 2006-07 schedule. The slate is highlighted by home games with San Diego State on Nov. 19, Georgia Tech on Nov. 24, and a Dec. 30 game against either Texas or Oregon State in the Surf 'N Slam Tournament.

Women's Hoops Release 2006-07 Schedule

USD has released its 2006-07 schedule.

Sept. 26, 2006

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego women's basketball team has released its 2006-07 schedule. The schedule times are subject to change.

The Toreros schedule features USD on their home court for 17 games, but it will be no cake walk for the Toreros as head coach Cindy Fisher and her staff have put together a tough schedule. Some of the highlights of the home portion of the non-conference schedule include Georgia Tech, perennial power Texas, and a very solid Oregon State University team. USD is guaranteed to face either Texas or Oregon State in the annual Surf N' Slam Tournament in late December.

Other highlighted games on the USD schedule include home games with the defending Big West Champion and 2006 NCAA Tournament participant UC Riverside, a very strong Holy Cross squad that made it to the championship game of the Patriot League Tournament this past season and a very tough Long Beach State University team who had a 18-10 record this past season.

USD will also have several tough opponents in the always strong West Coast Conference. Defending WCC Champion Pepperdine University will be a challenge for the Toreros along with an always strong Loyola Marymount University team and a solid Gonzaga University squad.

"I think we have a great schedule this year, and that it is going to be super competitive," said Fisher. "We are very blessed to get some quality home games, and I think it is going to be challenging. However, I think we should have a good showing in the non-conference schedule and hopefully it will prepare us for our tough conference schedule."

Prior to the start of the season, San Diego will host Torero Madness on Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. inside the Jenny Craig Pavilion. This will be an extravaganza that features both the men's and women's basketball teams as well as a chance for fans to see all Torero athletic teams. The event will feature a dunk contest and a three-point contest. The cost of the event is free to all.

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BASEBALL REPORT

USD pitcher Boman signs with the Angels

By Kirk Kenney
 STAFF WRITER

Nate Boman discovered 18 months ago just how tentative can be for one planning a career in professional baseball.

That, more than anything, influenced Boman's decision yesterday to sign with the Angels instead of returning to school today at USD.

"The risk of it," said Boman. "I didn't want to go back, risk an injury and think back that I passed up the opportunity to realize my dream."

Boman, the Angels' ninth-round pick in the June draft, received better than third-round

money (which averaged \$375,000 this year) for signing. He will take a physical today, tour Angel Stadium tomorrow and be off to the instructional league before the end of the month.

Boman, a left-hander who graduated from Patrick Henry High, suffered a shoulder injury midway through the 2005 season at USD that required surgery and lengthy rehabilitation and prevented him from playing for the Toreros in 2006.

Boman pitched in the Cape Code League this summer, going 3-2 with a 2.94 ERA for Yarmouth-Dennis, which won the league championship.

USD should be formidable in

2007, led by a talented pitching staff. The Toreros would have been that much deeper with the return of a healthy Boman, who figured to be a high-round draft pick and command a potential seven-figure bonus.

Boman, 21, decided the reward wasn't worth the risk.

"You can't guarantee I would get a million dollars next year," he said. "The right thing to do was to start my pro career."

USD coach Rich Hill said he and his assistants give a number of reasons for attending the school when they are trying to attract recruits.

"One of them is to achieve your dream of playing profession-

al baseball," said Hill. "Nate had a great opportunity to realize that."

Nate Boman Signs Contract With Angels

Nate Boman will forgo his junior season at USD and play for the Angels organization.

Sept. 7, 2006

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of San Diego's left-handed junior pitcher, Nate Boman, has signed a contract to play with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim organization Thursday morning, forgoing his junior season at USD.

"We wish him good luck," said USD head coach Rich Hill. "We would like to thank Nate (Boman) for his contribution to the USD baseball program."

Boman, who did not throw a single pitch in 2006, was a ninth round selection of the Angels and signed a contract with the team after an outstanding summer playing in the Cape Cod League for the YD Redsox team. He helped lead the team to the Cape Cod Championship, as he posted a record of 3-2 with an ERA of 2.94, while ringing up 38 strikeouts during the summer.

Boman leaves USD with a career record of 8-2 and a career ERA of 2.27, which is a career-best at USD. Boman also is also ranked 10th for single-season ERA of 2.26 that he set during the 2004 season.

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Aztecs to host tennis event

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San Diego State offers its Fall Tennis Classic for women this weekend at the Aztec courts, with players drawn from seven schools that last season were ranked in the top 70 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

In addition to SDSU, the schools are Florida, Alabama, Denver, USD, Arizona and Pepperdine.

It is an individual rather than a team-based competition. Doubles is to begin at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday with singles to follow.

SDSU was ranked No. 47 by the ITA a year ago, USD No. 68. Aztecs women's coach Peter Matera is introducing three additions to his squad: Holly Bagshaw of Great Britain, Ozge Atalay of Turkey and Kathryn Kitts of Yardley, Pa.

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